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AM urges review on ambulance call waiting times

REGIONAL AM Suzy Davies has pressed First Minister Carwyn Jones to review the questions asked by ambulance call handlers before they decide how to designate a call.

Calls designated as 'category red' must meet an eight-minute target. Calls that are amber and green do not.

Mrs Davies, a Conservative, pointed out that call handlers need to ask about what environment the patient is in who needs an ambulance.

Speaking afterwards, she said: "If someone falls inside their own home where they can be kept comfortable and warm, I understand that priority may be given to more urgent calls. But if that elderly person falls outside and is lying in the cold and wet then that is a question that needs to be asked before a proper assessment can be made."

"Obviously, someone left for hours

in those conditions will deteriorate and could even be left in what becomes a life threatening situation.

"I have asked for the current review of the amber call system underway to include questions about the environmental conditions surrounding the person who needs the ambulance."

"I am not happy that elderly people are being left for hours because so many ambulances are stuck outside hospitals waiting to discharge patients because of bed shortages in the system. We have gone too far in removing the bridge which used to exist between acute hospitals beds and care at home. We have cut 30 per cent of our beds in the past 20 years – often from the small community and cottage hospitals – and it is simply too many."

"But in the meantime, the health minister Vaughan Gething has pledged to look into my suggestion about asking the extra questions during the ambulance assessments." JJ



Fair flying day for 2117 (Kenfig Hill) RAF Air Cadet

FLIGHT Sergeant Peckham RAFAC remarked recently that it's days like this that really make the staff role so enjoyable, that moment when a cadet beats all the odds and achieves an activity that was looking, for a while, as though it would never happen.

During the half term break from school, after months of waiting for his medical clearance, one of the Squadron's autistic cadets Cadet Morgan Griffiths took to the skies on an Air Experience Flight (AEF) in a Grob Tutor at MoD St Athan. The

opportunity to fly during the school holidays meant he could attend without losing his 100 per cent school attendance record, a record any cadet would be proud of.

Also taking their first time flights were Cadet Thomas who achieved his blue wings for aircraft and Cadet Snell, who now just requires ground training to achieve her blue badge. Cadet Sergeant Willoughby, who has been waiting for a good flying day following several cancelled slots, finally achieved her blue wings for aircraft adding to her gliding badge.

Flt Sgt Peckham RAFAC would like to thank all the staff at 1AEF St Athan for a wonderful day.

Jennifer nominated for 'Best Bridesmaid'!



Jennifer Wallen (left) with Deborah April Williams.

BRITAIN'S Best Bridesmaid competition is down to the final 14!

Having carefully perused the wealth of entries, Red7 has presented its final 14 across the nation including two from Wales.

While every bride and wedding are unique, no wedding squad can be complete without an impeccable bridesmaid. A local contender for the crown is Jennifer Wallen from Nottage.

Jennifer stepped up on the big day for bride Deborah April Williams in more ways than one. Deborah has nominated Jennifer for her "consistent selfless acts."

Jennifer is very supportive of the couple and always ready to lend a hand. Deborah has two stepdaughters and Jennifer was able to make sure that they were happy and settled, not just on the day but

also during the hectic run-up.

On the morning of the special day disaster almost struck! The cars booked to transport the bridal party to the wedding never arrived, leaving Deborah stranded in her wedding dress. With some quick thinking and a positive attitude, Jennifer saved the day. Driving Deborah's stepdaughters to the wedding venue and doing a last-minute dash for the bride's essentials, Jennifer ensured that the ceremony went ahead without a hitch.

The national winner will receive a four-night short break to explore medieval Bruges and laid-back Amsterdam.

For more information regarding the competition visit bit.ly/BestBridesmaid2018.

LITTER PICKERS JOIN FORCES FOR CLEAN UP



Volunteers collected 100 bags of litter and two crates of plastic recycling from Merthyr Mawr National Nature Reserve. As you can see, they completed their work before the snows came!

COMMUNITY groups, charities and individual volunteers braved freezing conditions last week to help clean-up Merthyr Mawr as part of Keep Wales Tidy's Spring Clean Cymru campaign.

A team of over 30 volunteers removed around 100 bags of litter and two crates of plastic recycling from Merthyr Mawr National Nature Reserve, an area much loved by the local community. Ramblers Cymru, Cyfle Cymru, Fly-tipping Action Wales and Natural Resources Wales joined the beach clean.

Spring Clean Cymru is part of the Great British Spring Clean. Although the nationwide campaign was due to take place between March 1-4, many clean-ups were postponed due to 'the Beast from the East'. Events will now be held over the next few weeks.

This year's campaign aimed to raise awareness of marine litter and how it can enter our oceans and the devastating impact it has.

Over eight million tonnes of plastic pollution are dumped into the ocean globally every year, with some scientists predicting that by 2050, the quantity of plastics in the oceans will weigh more than the

fish.

Speaking at the event Brian Jones, Bridgend Project Officer for Keep Wales Tidy, said: "It's been great to see so many people coming together for Spring Clean Cymru, despite the cold weather – it shows what local communities can achieve when they work together."

"I hope that it will inspire others to get involved. Everyone can play their part to make a positive and lasting difference to our marine environment."

For more information about Spring Clean Cymru, visit www.keepwalestidy.cymru.

Evening concert set to support coastwatchers

THE Porthcawl National Coastwatch Institution (NCI) is hosting a fundraising concert at All Saints Church, Porthcawl on Friday April 20, at 7pm.

The headliners are Porthcawl Male Voice Choir, and the concert features school choirs from Porthcawl Comprehensive School (junior choir), St Clare's and Nottage primary schools.

The special guest soloist is Charlotte Vaughan, a Welsh actress and singer whose musical theatre credits include *The Phantom of the Opera* where she played the role of Carlotta at Her Majesty's Theatre in the West End.

The comper for the night will be Mr Dean Mason. Tickets are £8 and are now available from 01656 788730 or 01656 783861 or call into the NCI Station at Porthcawl. Doors open at 6.15pm and the concert starts at 7pm.

All proceeds will benefit the National Coastwatch Institution Porthcawl.



The NCI lookout tower in Porthcawl.

HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL MARCH 15)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary.

For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

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11 Sun	00.51	7.3	13.39	7.2
12 Mon	02.31	7.2	15.13	7.5
13 Tues	03.48	7.6	16.16	7.8
14 Wed	04.39	8.2	16.59	8.3
15 Thur	05.19	8.8	17.38	8.9

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Awards for Young Farmers Club debaters

ON February 25, Glamorgan Young Farmers Club held its annual Public Speaking Competition Day at Pendoylan Church in Wales Primary School, Pendoylan.

Maendy YFC entered and was rewarded with excellent results.

The Maendy YFC junior reading team consisted of chairman Keira Ateyo Canter with readers Zac Corkhill and Alice Freeman.

Zac and Alice read a passage of *Shadow Forest* by Matt Haig. It was the first time they had competed.

Maendy YFC were

placed first out of a strong competition of eight teams. Keira will be representing Glamorgan YFC in the next round.

Maendy also entered the Intermediate Brainstrust team competition. Brainstrust features a chairman who introduces and controls the debates, with three panellists who debate a topic in a similar way to a television show.

The team consisted of chairman Rob David, Harry Thomas, Edward Thomas and Craig Whittall and they earned second place in the competition. Chairman Rob David impressed the judge and was selected to go through to the next

round. The Senior Debating competition comprised two teams who battle to get the audience to vote for their motion. The Maendy team consisted of members Heather Jarvis, Sophie Davies, Louise Evans, Jack and Kate Thomas.

Heather and Sophie were opposing the motion of the public paying for healthcare.

Louise and Jack were proposing social media is the best way of connecting politicians to their electorate and Kate was chairperson.

Maendy came first place in the competition with Heather and Sophie selected for the next round of the competition.

The public speaking competition will be held on March 24 at The Royal Welsh Showground, Llanwelld.

We wish our members the best of luck in the next heat.

The members wish to thank trainers and club leaders Hannah Lewis and Ieuan Rosser for their input which helped members with confidence and attention to detail.

Thanks also go to Richard Harris for his help with the senior debating speeches.

Maendy YFC recently put on its recent winning pantomime *The Queen's Riddle* on February 27 at Pendoylan Church in Wales Primary School, to raise funds for the school and pupils resources.

A spokesperson from

Friends of Pendoylan School said: "It was a wonderful performance and there was lots of laughter from the audience. It was a great fundraiser for the school, which was much appreciated."

The chairman of Maendy YFC, Kate Thomas, said: "We're very grateful to Pendoylan school for letting us use their fantastic facilities, especially in the lead up to our drama competitions. Our club members wanted to give something back and thought it was fitting to present them our performance."

"The feedback has been great and the show raised a considerable amount for the school."

The next focus for members is the Wales YFC Entertainments Weekend where Maendy will perform its pantomime. The event was due to have taken place at the Pavilion Theatre, Rhyl, on March 3-4 but was postponed because of the weather.

Glamorgan YFC will be hosting their annual Field Day Competition at Penllyn Estate, Cowbridge on Saturday, April 7.

For more information on Maendy YFC, email maendy.yfc@gmail.com, follow Twitter and Instagram on @MaendyYFC or via Facebook 'Maendy YFC'.

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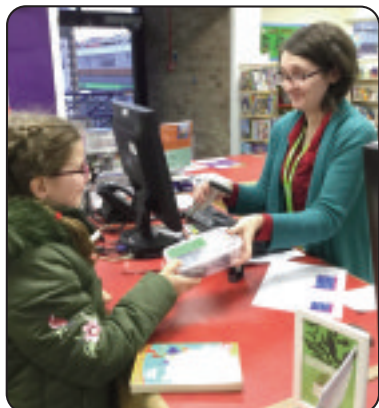


The Senior Debating Team is pictured with judge Kate Thomas, Louise Evans, Heather Jarvis and Jack Thomas (Sophie Davies not present).



The Intermediate 'Brains Trust' team from left, Rob David, Harry Thomas, Craig Whittall and Edward Thomas.

Borrow a BBC micro:bit from your local library



Bethan Price borrows the first BBC micro:bit from Porthcawl Library

AWEN Cultural Trust is hoping to inspire a generation of computer coders, data programmers and digital pioneers, thanks to a new initiative to lend BBC micro:bits free of charge to library users across Bridgend county borough.

The tiny computers, donated by The Microbit Foundation, will allow people of all ages, whatever their experience, to unleash their digital creativity whilst in the comfort of their own home.

BBC micro:bits are handheld, fully programmable computers which can be used to make all sorts of creations, from musical instruments to robots, smart watches and fitness trackers. The device also features 25 LED lights that can flash messages.

As well as two programmable buttons that can be used to control games or pause and skips songs on a playlist, the micro:bits can detect motion and use a low energy Bluetooth connection to interact with other devices and the internet.

Richard Hughes, chief executive of Awen

Cultural Trust, which manages the library service on behalf of Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC), said: "Awen is committed to supporting children and adults to improve their digital literacy. Along with our very popular coding clubs, makerspaces and drop-in help sessions, the lending of micro:bits is another example of how our libraries are helping to improve access to, and developing people's confidence in using new digital technologies."

"These skills will be vital for many jobs in the future, but they are also great fun for all ages to learn, so it's never too late!"

Cllr Dhanisha Patel, cabinet member for wellbeing and future generations, said: "This new service aptly demonstrates the wide range of facilities that modern libraries can offer, and I'm really pleased to see it being used to encourage more people to use their community branch."

The micro:bits will be based at the libraries in Porthcawl, Pyle, Pencoed, Bridgend, Aberkenfig and Maesteg and, like a book, can be borrowed free of charge for up to three weeks at a time.

Porthcawl Lions brave John Street's bitter wind tunnel

EVERYONE agreed that standing in John Street, Porthcawl, for a two-hour shift on February 23 and 24 was character building in the bitter wind tunnel that is John Street.

The Lions were out collecting for the Marie Curie charity.

Wearing their large yellow hats, the members taking part at least had warm heads.

The total amount collected by the Porthcawl Lions came to £487.04.

One of the Lions who took part in the collection

was Larry Pearce.

Following the street collection, Mr Pearce made his way to London to attend a reception at Buckingham Palace hosted by the Duchess of Wessex, the Patron of the Lions Clubs of the UK.

Mr Pearce, a past district governor, was one of over 300 Lions from all over the UK who attended the function.

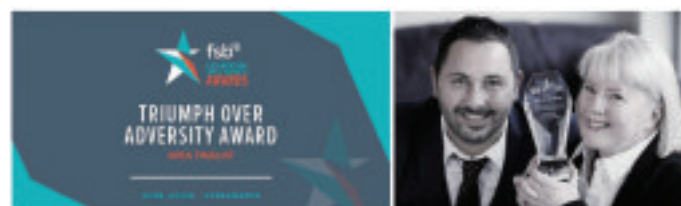
Porthcawl Lions welcome new members; contact Jim on 01656 859505.

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Local Barry Solicitors win top national award

Congratulations to local law firm Newbold Solicitors based at 110 High Street, Barry (Tel No. 01446 700699). They have won the prestigious Federation of Small Business Award for Wales and are now representing Wales in the finals in London. There are over 160,000 members of the federation, so it is a prestigious award. They were also runner up in 'Scale up Business for Wales'. Catherine Hartland-Watkins explains: 'I commenced the firm with my business partner only 7 years ago and have been nominated, either as finalists or runner up, for 12 national awards. We have grown so much that we now employ almost 70 staff over our 4 offices. In the beginning it was especially challenging for me, both personally and professionally. Many people doubted its success, but our resilience and enthusiasm for law and business has paid off. I believe that we are good at what we do, we have very talented lawyers as part of our team and our Clients are happy; a recent independent survey awarded us 100% Client satisfaction'. This is only the start of their continual growth and success.

CARDIFF CROWN COURT ROUND-UP WITH AJ SICLUNA

Suspended sentence for woman who set fire to her own home

A FIRE raiser who deliberately started a blaze in her own home has been given 'a last chance' at Cardiff Crown Court.

Susan Matthews (61) used a cigarette lighter to ignite curtains and caused considerable damage, said prosecutor Nigel Fryer.

Judge Jeremy Jenkins told Matthews: "In my judgement, sending you into custody would do absolutely nothing.

"It would make your already fragile mental state worse."

He warned her "This is the one and only chance you will have."

Matthews, of Oxford Street, Pontycymmer, had been found guilty of arson, being reckless as to whether life would be endangered.

She was jailed for two years, the sentence suspended for two years, made subject to a rehabilitation order and ordered to attend a Thinking Skills Course.

The court heard that she had set fire to the curtains and the blaze was eventually brought under control by firemen. She denied the offence and said that what occurred was an accident.

Her counsel, Nicholas Gareth Jones, said: "It was a cry for help and I ask the court to deal with her on that basis."

He said that at the time, she was

suffering from severe depression. She was unable to put the fire out and left the property.

Most of the damage was caused by smoke and for some time the property was uninhabitable.

There had been, he said, relationship difficulties.

"It is an unusual case, in a way, and at the bottom end of cases of this kind."

A psychiatrist was of the opinion that she required help in the community rather than in hospital.

"The probation service can work with her. She has tried to obtain accommodation out of the area and is anxious to start afresh."

The judge said she had been convicted unanimously.

He said that when Matthews was spoken to at the scene, she admitted responsibility for the fire and said it had been an accident.

"That was rejected by a prosecution expert and the jury."

He said it was obvious to him that she was suffering from a form of distress.

The judge added that she had been under pressure because a former partner had approached her and caused her distress.

The course he was taking, he said, was an exceptional one.

Man warned after sexual assault conviction

AN open cast miner carried out a sex attack on a woman in a cafe, Cardiff Crown Court has heard.

Ivor Edwards (63) of year, the sentence Heather Close, Sarn, had suspended for two years,

been found guilty of a charge of sexual assault at Cardiff Magistrates' Court and had been committed to the Crown Court for sentence.

He was jailed for a year, the sentence suspended for two years,

ordered to pay a £500 fine plus costs of £250.

The Recorder, Arthur J Philpotts, told him: "You won't be as lucky again, don't come back."

The court heard that on September 5 under a pretext, Edwards touched a woman on her leg, torso and breast in a cafe.

Edwards denied that such behaviour took place.

His barrister, Owen Williams, said: "He engineered the situation and I accept there must have been some planning. There was no grooming."

He said he went into the cafe and carried out the assault after having a conversation with the victim.

"His best mitigation is his age and his previous good character."

He said Edwards had always worked hard at a site outside Ammanford. There were, he added, financial pressures on the family unit and he suffers from diabetes, blood pressure and a prostate problem.

"An immediate prison sentence would have a profound effect on him and he is at low risk of reoffending."

The Recorder said: "You have very much lost your good character because you touched a woman sexually in a cafe."

She had been too scared to complain and the incident had affected her emotionally, causing her feelings of anger and disgust.

"You pursued this matter to trial and you continued to deny it."

PORTHCAWL SEA CADETS' REUNION IS A SUCCESS

Current and previous Cadets and supporters of Porthcawl Sea Cadets reunited recently to celebrate 75 years of TS St David.

Visitors, many of whom were Cadets from the 1950s, '60s and '70s, brought pictures of their time in the unit, and looked back with great fondness on their time there.

Current Cadets heard inspirational success stories of how being part of Porthcawl Sea Cadets as youngsters prepared them to succeed in all walks of life: running their own businesses or enjoying successful careers in the Royal Navy; with some achieving Senior Officer ranks.

Former Cadets from Porthcawl have also gone on to join Coastguards and RNLI, with two of those RNLI Station Commanders present at the reunion.

Some who moved away from the area have maintained an involvement with Sea Cadets through their local units elsewhere in the country.

The evening function, held in the Hi-Tide Inn, was attended by over 100 people, some of whom had travelled great distances to attend.

Rachel Keepins, PO at Porthcawl Sea Cadets, said: "The reunion was a fabulous success, and it was so nice to see so many people who had a history with the unit, shared stories and had formed friendships that were still there after decades.

"We would particularly like to thank Fran and Geoff at Hi-Tide Inn for hosting the evening and providing a wonderful buffet, and to those who gave up their time to help with promotional videos and sourcing pictures which really showed the deep history of the unit and its Cadets.

"The support from the community is always fantastic and we hope to see you all, and more, at future events in our new transitional unit as we strive towards our more permanent home in the Maritime Centre."

A Crowdfunding campaign has been launched by Porthcawl Sea Cadets to help raise funds for equipment needed for their new home in the centre.

More details can be found at:

<https://chuffed.org/project/porthcawl-sea-cadets-a-move-to-secure-their-future>.

Report by
Jayne Bowden



Four of the former Cadets who returned for the evening.



The reunion stirred old memories.

Council pledges that Rest Bay will not lose loos this year

OFFICERS at Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) have said that temporary toilet facilities will be provided as soon as work starts on replacing the existing cafe at Rest Bay.

The present cafe, known locally as 'Malc's Cafe' is set to be demolished and replaced by a new watersports centre.

The Conservative Regional AM Suzy Davies told THE GEM that she had contacted BCBC with her concerns about toilet facilities and had been

told that the council is looking at all options including the provision of portaloos.

She went on: "While the building of the centre will be a wonderful boost to both visitors and residents alike, we have to ensure that there are toilets provided at Rest Bay at all times.

"It is a popular beach in both winter and summer especially with dog owners, surfers and walkers. I would encourage the council to

ensure that the alternative provision is in place before the present loos are demolished."

A BCBC spokesman said: "The council is committed towards providing temporary toilet facilities while the new multi-million pound Watersports Centre is under construction at Rest Bay, and we are currently discussing options for arranging this as well as potential future management

roles. "Once completed, the Watersports Centre will offer a range of modern facilities that will include new toilets, changing rooms, an enhanced café, a kiosk and more.

"It will be a landmark feature providing high-quality facilities as part of a contemporary visitor attraction, and will help support and develop water-based sports and leisure activities throughout the area."

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Friends mourn prominent Porthcawl campaigner

THE death was announced recently of Desmond F Rees, the president of the Porthcawl Shout older persons' forum.

This tribute has been supplied by his fellow Shout member, Clive Mort.

It was with great sadness that Porthcawl received the sad news that one of its most resolute champions had passed away at the age of 90. Such was his presence that one could be excused for believing Des Rees would go on forever.

He was a much respected member of the Special Air Service having served in Malaya in the days when terrorism was at its peak and until very recently, he still attended special events at their Hereford headquarters.

He served his Amalgamated Engineering Union faithfully for many years, always fighting the cause of justice for his fellow workers at the Port Talbot Steel Works.



Des Rees

He loved Porthcawl and in retirement devoted his time and energy to promoting and campaigning for the welfare of Porthcawl and its residents.

He helped establish and became the first chairman of Porthcawl Shout Forum in 2004 and was honoured to become its first president in 2015.

His knowledge of local politics was much sought after and he strongly believed in the forum's slogan 'Together we can make a difference'.

He worked hard to hold our local authority accountable for any decisions which he felt adversely affected the people of Porthcawl.

He was foremost in campaigning for a

swimming pool and leisure centre to be included in the Regeneration Plan, commemorating the centenary of WW1 with poppy roundabouts, the refurbishment of Station Hill and the underpass to name just a few projects.

There are many people in Porthcawl saddened at his passing and none more than those of the Fulgoni family, staff and regular customers who will miss his daily visits to what he always described as their "very special café".

Characters like Des are rare and hard to replace and Porthcawl Shout Forum will continue to follow his example in seeking to question decisions that impact on residents' lives, and to make sure the town of Porthcawl receives the attention it deserves.

His funeral will take place at Trinity Church, Porthcawl at 10.30am on Wednesday, March 14, followed by a cremation service at Margam Crematorium at 11.30am.

Clive Mort

Morgan's four-mile swim for charity

RECENTLY, Morgan Sweet swam 200 lengths of Pencoed swimming pool and raised £1,400 for cancer research.

But Morgan, now 14 years old, felt he hadn't covered a big enough distance for the amount he had raised.

He then decided to do 256 lengths of Pencoed pool, the equivalent of four miles.

His parents, Craig and Adele, said: "Morgan



Morgan Sweet.

began his swim at 9.30am and completed the swim at 12.10pm.

"What's more remarkable is that his last

mile was the fastest of all at 33 minutes."

Raising funds for cancer research is a cause close to his heart because some of his family members have died because of cancer.

Edward Jones, headteacher of Pencoed Comprehensive, said: "As a school we are extremely proud of Morgan's charity fundraising endeavours through his swimming. He personifies our school ethos of thinking of others."

Cardio group to meet soon

THE Cardiovascular UK Bridgend support group will meet for the first time on Saturday, March 10 from 2pm until 4pm at Pencoed Welfare Hall (CF35 5PE).

The group was first publicised in The GEM a few weeks ago by Ann Harrison-Power.

Ann said: "We've had quite a few enquiries so that's good, but are

hoping for even more."

The inaugural meeting will be followed by bimonthly meetings throughout the year with different speakers and presentations at each one.

At the first meeting a Cardiovascular UK nurse will give a talk and answer questions.

More information is available from Ann on 07970 669239; or Jo on 01494 791224.

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Rate increase for residents met with frustration by councillors



Suzy Davies AM with Bridgend Conservatives.

RESIDENTS across Bridgend face an increase of 4.5 per cent on their council tax this year.

That follows on from an increase of 3.2 per cent last year.

The budget, brought forward by the minority run Labour Cabinet, will see a household in a Council Tax Band D house paying out on average £1,669.87 over a year when including community council precepts. This is an increase of £80.95 per household on last year's figures.

While all Labour, Independent, and Plaid Cymru councillors in Bridgend voted for the increase, Welsh Conservatives were left as the only ones who refused to back the budget.

Cllr Tom Giffard, Leader of the Welsh Conservative group on Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC), said: "I understand that some might see abstaining as a way of letting this budget through."

"However, Welsh Conservative councillors were clear that while the Labour administration had listened to our calls to protect local services, they have still failed in keeping rates down for residents."

"Welsh Conservatives have called for public toilets to be kept open and for the burden of funding them to not simply be passed on to our community councils, something that Labour were planned on doing. However, to simply increase council tax instead is lazy."

Fashion Show
A Fashion Show will be held by Samantha B of Ewenny at Holy Cross Church, Cowbridge on March 16 at 7pm. Tickets £7.50 to include a glass of wine and nibbles.

Tickets available from Holy Cross Church parish office or you can pay on the door.

After last year's cut to the schools budget, the Conservative council group also insisted on the budget being protected for this year, something that the budget has achieved.

One of the reasons the Bridgend Conservative group refused to back the motion was over long running concerns about Bridgend's bin collection contract.

Cllr Carolyn Webster voiced her concerns: "At the start of this council term Welsh Conservative councillors called for the Scrutiny Committee

to review the waste and recycling contract that the council had given to Kier."

"The Labour cabinet has not yet allowed the un-redacted waste contract to be seen by any councillor so on that basis it would be irresponsible for any Conservative councillor to vote for their budget as none of us has any idea how public money is being spent."

She added "Despite the shambles of the Kier contract, residents have worked hard to make the new rubbish collection scheme work, yet they are rewarded

with an increase in Council Tax by this Labour administration."

Suzy Davies AM welcomed the work that Welsh Conservatives had done in pushing for the waste contract to be scrutinised.

"Welsh Government sets recycling and waste collection targets for local authorities to meet. However without being able to see the terms of the contract that BCBC has signed, we are unable to see whether it is poor negotiating on behalf of the council or poor targets from Welsh Government that have

led to the waste collection mess in Bridgend."

"It is quite some time since I have had so many letters on one subject but it is clear that the bin collections in Bridgend are simply not working."

"I welcome the work that Welsh Conservative councillors have done to fight for local services but it is disappointing that the Cabinet did not look at more innovative approaches instead of simply increasing taxes for local residents."

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Pub to help local pupils 'secure hospitality jobs'

A LOCAL pub is working with pupils at a nearby high school as part of a scheme to interest young people in 'future proof' hospitality careers.

The Haywain, on the Brackla estate, Bridgend has teamed up with Archbishop McGrath Catholic High School as part of an innovative new programme run by Ei Group, the UK's largest pub company, and education enrichment organisation Stride.

Called Pub Pros, the work readiness scheme for sixth formers aims to inform and inspire them about careers in pubs while building employability skills such as teamwork, leadership, assertiveness and critical thinking.

Pupils attend five half-day in-school workshops, meet Haywain manager Mark Griffiths, then visit the Coychurch Road pub in June for a work experience taster day.

The scheme coincides with the Department for Work and Pensions launching Hospitality Works, a month-long campaign promoting careers across the whole hospitality industry, and which has created more than 8,000 work placements since its launch in 2015.

Alongside raising the profile of pub industry careers, Pub Pros gives publicans the chance to connect with local schools, engage with prospective future employees, and give something back to the local community.

Mark said: "Working with a local school wasn't something we'd have ever considered, until Ei Group and Stride came to us with the Pub Pros scheme. I think it's a good idea, and will help promote longer-term job opportunities in pubs. Too many people see pub work as short-term, but there are actually plenty of career opportunities in this sector."

The work experience day at The Haywain will give pupils an understanding of the basics of running a pub business; develop skills and attributes needed for employment in the industry; and improve employability skills such as teamwork and communication.

Stuart Farrow, assistant headteacher at Archbishop McGrath Catholic High School, said: "Pub Pros has been a novel addition to our sixth form programme, combining employability skills with a closer look at the hospitality industry."

"I've been impressed with how keen our students have been to attend these sessions, and it's great to have the support of our local pub in getting our young people thinking about and ready for work."

Ei Group commercial director Paul Harbottle said: "Young people often overlook the pub sector as a potential employment opportunity, so together with Stride we're going to try and change that through Pub Pros."

"Pubs require enthusiastic, entrepreneurial and personable publicans, managers, bar staff and chefs if they're to be successful, sustainable businesses, and continue to be a popular and integral part of British life, and, in many cases, important community hubs."

"By linking some great Ei Group pubs with local schools, we're giving pupils the opportunity to really explore the pub sector, meet people who run pubs, and get a taste of pubs as fun, exciting, demanding businesses. All of that, we hope, will inspire them to add our sector to their career choices."

Stride co-founder Nikki de Bruin added: "What really excites us most about this new programme is its ability to bring together businesses and young people in a meaningful way, a key success factor in helping future generations into successful working lives."

Many businesses out there really want to help young people develop their employability skills and careers opportunities but don't always have the resources to make this happen.

"As we enter an age where robotics is having a big impact on what our future labour market will look like, the importance of core skills such as critical thinking, leadership, communication, curiosity and problem solving is undisputed." AS



Scott Quinnell and Ian Jessopp at the event.

Rugby legend Scott a hit at breakfast event

WELSH rugby legend Scott Quinnell was the guest of honour for the Bridgend Business Forum's annual St David's Day breakfast event, where he kept dozens of local business people entertained with amusing tales of his experiences, both on and off the field.

Forum members battled through the snow to gather at the Coed-Y-Mwstwr Hotel in

Coychurch to hear Scott's stories about the games he played, the tries he scored and the players and sporting legends he met on his journey.

Bridgend Business Forum's chairman, Ian Jessopp, said: "The St David's Day business breakfast was a fantastic networking opportunity and it was great to see so many local businesses gathered together."

"While the Beast from the East was causing chaos outside, we were treated to stories from the 'Best from the West', 'Best from the West', Scott Quinnell." AS

Valleys to Coast Housing help out apprentices



Lydia and Jodie.

TEN local individuals are getting a stepping stone into their chosen careers, thanks to Bridgend Housing Association, Valleys to Coast.

The apprenticeships cover a wide range of job roles such as plumbing, painter and decorator, gas and heating engineers as well as business admin positions in departments of development, housing and HR.

Cory Seldon, apprentice plumber said: "I feel lucky to have secured the apprenticeship. I am working with skilled and experienced engineers who are teaching me the practical side to plumbing - I have the opportunity to 'do' the tasks not just observe, which is great."

Corrina Fiddler, V2C's HR business partner commented: "To celebrate National Apprentice Week we're swapping the apprentices into different job roles, the boys that traditionally have trade roles will be going into the office and the girls will experience what it's like out on the tools, giving them the opportunity to try something new." AS

Row breaks out over council's zero hours contracts

REGIONAL AM Suzy Davies has accused Bridgend County Borough Council's Labour leadership of hypocrisy after hearing that the council has almost 300 employees on zero hours contracts.

However, BCBC have issued a strong response, insisting that their zero hours contracts do not exploit staff.

Welsh Conservative Mrs Davies said: "Despite almost hysterical condemnation of businesses which operate with zero hours contracts by the party's leader Jeremy Corbyn, it was quite a shock to discover that throughout Wales in councils controlled by Labour and Plaid Cymru, there are thousands of staff either on these contracts or classed as casuals with no guaranteed weekly hours."

"Bridgend has 283 on zero hours contracts in the last year for which figures are available - 2016 to 2017. This is down from 328 the year before."

"Assembly members from both these parties have vehemently denounced these contracts but, it appears, are content for councils that they control to use them. When I have raised it in the Chamber their outrage has evaporated, displaying their stance for the hypocrisy it is."

A BCBC spokesperson said: "The council ensures that its use of zero hours contracts is applied

appropriately and the basis of the contractual terms, other than the matter of guaranteed hours, is exactly the same as all other types of contracts of employment whether they are full-time, part-time, permanent or temporary in nature."

"The council's use of zero hour contracts generally relates to people who undertake casual work in addition to their regular job - for example, a PE teacher who wants to act as a sports coach at weekends."

"When applied correctly and fairly, zero hour contracts can be a flexible way for people to earn while balancing other commitments and responsibilities, and they offer taxpayers more value for money than having to pay an agency to provide staff."

"Residents can be assured that the council remains a responsible employer, and that any use of zero hour contracts at the authority is strictly regulated and properly applied."

Suzy Davies said: "The UK Government has taken steps to prevent exploitation, banning exclusive hours contracts, and has commissioned an inquiry into employment practices in the modern economy. Zero hours contracts do have a part to play in a modern, flexible Labour market provided that abuses are outlawed."

The information was obtained by Welsh Conservatives from Welsh councils using Freedom of Information requests. AS

Festival will highlight work of Fairtrade groups

SUPPORTERS of Fairtrade will be celebrating Fairtrade Fortnight with an event in Bridgend town centre this Saturday (March 10), 10am to 2pm, at Carnegie House.

The Bridgend Fairtrade Festival is a free event and will be a celebration of support for an ethical agenda: non-exploitation, fair wages, quality products and care for the environment.

It is a family event and there will be Fairtrade stalls, a coffee bar, chocolate tasting, children's story-telling, music, film and raffles, among others.

Two African guests, Hellen and Esther, will be displaying crafts made by Maasai widows from their community and Beti and Adi will be displaying crafts made by Gem Art, from the Gemini Foundation in Ethiopia.

They are all keen to talk about their skills and work to support human rights for women, marginalised and disadvantaged people.

There will be a 'mystery judge' for a 'Bake-Off' competition. The public are also asked to come on in, taste the cakes and help judge!

The 'Fairtrade Bake-Off' is part of this year's Bridgend Fairtrade Festival now in its second year.

"The Bake-Off is an exciting opportunity for bakers of all ages to get involved and help promote Fairtrade. So pop on your pinny and get baking," said one of the Bridgend Fairtrade Partnership, Margaret Minhinick.

Margaret explained: "On the day, the cake-bakers simply bring their cake along (made with as many Fairtrade ingredients as you are able) to Carnegie House. It will be open from 9.30 am. Judging will take place from 10.15am (there will be prizes for the best under-15 and

best over-15 entry)".

The cakes/goodies will be used for refreshments at the Fairtrade coffee bar and the public will also be invited to vote for the 'public's choice' for an additional prize. Donations are welcome to the Porthcawl-based charity Sustainable Wales.

To register or for more information contact Luke o n info@sustainablewales.org.uk

Check for updates on www.sustainablewales.org.uk/festival. AS

Big turnout expected for #walkinhername

THERE is likely to be a big turnout this Mother's Day, March 11, for the #walkinhername from Barry Cemetery to the Island and back.

The walk has been organised by Alison Woolcock in memory of her sister Lesley, and seeks to remember people's loved ones and raise funds for Ovarian Cancer Action.

The walk will begin at 12 noon at Cemetery Road and will make its way to over to Lesley's bench on Barry Island before making the return

journey.

Later in the afternoon, Merthyr Dyfan Chapel will be open so people can light candles in memory of loved ones. A social get-together will follow at the Ty Newydd Inn.

Over 120 people are expected to attend including members of Barry Town Football Club and members of the new Vale Surf Life Saving Club.

Alison said: "Some members of Barry Town Football Club said they would attend the walk. In fact, Kayne McLaggon dedicated his first goal for Barry Town to Lesley at the start of the season."

Wheels in motion to extend cycle route

WORK to extend the National Cycle Network Route 885 into Bridgend town centre along Brewery Lane and Angel Street has begun in earnest.

After being delayed due to the unforeseen requirement of diverting utilities company cables outside the Civic Offices, work has re-started and it is anticipated the scheme will be completed by the end of March.

Once finished, the scheme will enable cyclists to safely ride into the town centre along Brewery Lane where the footway will be widened and new signage added.

Higher railings will be installed along the Dunraven Place footbridge to make the route suitable for cyclists as well as pedestrians.

On Angel Street, the loading bay in front of the Civic Offices will become a larger disabled parking bay, with the current on-street disabled parking bays being removed to help improve the traffic flow along the

street, particularly for emergency service vehicles.

To help create the off-street disabled parking bay, the flag poles in front of the Civic Offices are being moved to the Park Street end of the building.

The riverside footway along Angel Street will also be widened and the railings by the Water Street Bridge raised for cycling safety, while the pelican crossing at the junction of Water Street and Angel Street will be converted to a toucan crossing suitable for cyclists.

Cllr Richard Young, the council's Cabinet Member for Communities, said: "Using funding from the Welsh Government's Local Transport Fund programme, this work will complete a missing

section of the national cycle network. These improvements will make it much easier to cycle into Bridgend town centre for work, onward travel, or to access the town centre's shops, services and businesses."

Pedestrian diversion routes for staff and visitors to the council offices will be in place for the duration of the work and the disabled parking bays on Brewery Lane and Angel Street will also be temporarily suspended. Alternative disabled parking spaces are available in the Rhiw Car Park.

Access to the Embassy car park and the Bargain Booze store on Brewery Lane will be maintained while the works are ongoing and both businesses will remain open as normal. AS

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A tribute to Llantwit's Terry Casey who devoted his life to football

HERE, Tony Hammond-Reckless of Barnet Football Club pays tribute to Welshman Terry Casey of Llantwit Major whose life was devoted to football:

Terry was a wonderful half back who captained Barnet to two Athenian League titles in the early 1960s before working for the FA, the Welsh FA and FIFA. Terry very sadly passed away in February.

There are certain players who represent a football club, who are foundation stones, and when we reminisce they are the players we refer to as "a great player".

Some are remembered more for a particular reason and Terry, much to his everlasting credit, always introduced himself in Barnet circles anyway, as "the guy who scored the own

goal against Preston North End in the FA Cup".

But having spoken to supporters, reporters and teammates from that era, he certainly falls in the former category.

He was a fine half back with Welsh amateur caps and true leadership qualities.

Terry was born in Llanrwst, north Wales in 1937 and attended Llanrwst Grammar School.

He played for local clubs Llandudno and Colwyn Bay, and appeared for Nottingham Forest as a youth.

After RAF National Service in 1958, he went to Loughborough University where he studied teaching and started for the first XI football team alongside a very young Bob

Wilson of future Arsenal and Scotland fame.

In the summer of 1961, while combining his playing with

teaching in Hatfield, the then manager of Barnet, Wally Lyons, signed Terry. At that time a certain Tommy Docherty was learning his trade coaching at Underhill.

Terry made his Bees debut on August 31 of that year in a 5-1 Underhill win against Hornchurch.

In his first two seasons, Terry helped the club to two runners-up positions in the Athenian League before taking over as captain in 1963. Barnet then won successive league titles in 1963-64 and 1964-65.

Club goal machine Les Eason was just 20 when he joined the club in 1965.

He said: "It was Terry that we younger players looked up to."

"He would look after us and advise us as far as contracts were concerned and on the way the club was run generally. You could put your full trust in him."

"If we all decided

that the win bonus should increase Terry was the man."

"It came so naturally to him to be the link between the players and the club officials..."

The game which featured the own goal that Terry used to refer to was in January 1965 and the Third Round of the FA Cup. Barnet hosted Preston North End and it was 2-2 with five minutes to go when Terry attempted a clearance that flew into the Barnet net, leading to a 2-3 defeat.

Terry was selected for the Great Britain Olympic Football squad, preparing for the 1964 games in Tokyo and won 10 Welsh Amateur Caps, captaining Wales against England.

He toured Africa with the Middlesex Wanderers in the summer of 1965 visiting Kenya, Rhodesia, Zambia and Uganda.

His final team game for Barnet was in May 1966 in a 1-1 draw at



Terry Casey (right) at Loughborough University alongside Bob Wilson (left) who went on to play for Arsenal and Scotland.

Merthyr Tydfil – an occasion, as a proud Welshman, that he enjoyed.

After his playing days, Terry was appointed North West Director of Coaching by the Football Association and after a successful period with the FA he joined the Welsh FA as Director of Coaching and Development.

His work was then recognised by FIFA who appointed him as Technical Director

which resulted in him visiting many countries throughout the world.

He attended numerous European and World Cup matches representing FIFA as Technical Match Assessor. To obtain that sort of respect from within the game is simply wonderful.

After retiring Terry moved to Llantwit Major where golf took up a lot of his spare time.

He achieved a single

figure handicap and was a very popular member of his beloved Southerndown Golf Club, and in later years he toured Ireland and France with fellow club members.

His neighbour and friend Colm O'Shea, who has been so very kind in helping me pen this tribute, said: "Terry especially loved to reminisce about his playing days with Barnet and his biggest regret was always that

own goal! He attended a Barnet players' reunion only a couple of years ago. He was a modest man, a dear friend and liked by all who met him."

Terry passed away on February 19 and is survived by his daughter Rebecca. His funeral will take place at 11am Tuesday, March 13 at the Cardiff and Glamorgan Cemetery.

Primary children help to bridge the generation gap

CHILDREN from Pencoe Primary School's reception class visited Glanffrwd Care Home in Pencoe for a session of Generation Games, a program put together to bridge the gap between generations and encourage interaction within the community.

Residents and children joined to create handcrafted daffodils in readiness for the St David's Day celebrations.



The children aged between four and five years of age enjoyed the day's activities and spending time with the residents, who enjoyed

seeing the smiles on the children's faces and loved getting creative with the glitter!

The Generation Games will last approximately eight weeks and will involve various workshops and sessions where the children will visit the home and spend time with some of the residents there.

Funded by The Welsh Assembly Government, the initiative after a successful program of visits last year, has been given further funding for a 2018 program. Teachers and children without hesitation wanted to repeat the visits to Glanffrwd, as they enjoyed the activities with the home's residents.

Joan Thomas, home manager at Glanffrwd commented: "Bridging the generation gap is such a wonderful and rewarding activity for everyone involved. The children were beautifully well behaved and we

look forward to seeing them again soon!"

Many of the residents have their spirits lifted by the children coming in and it really is a joy to see them interacting together. They can't wait for the children to return and talk about their experiences for days!"

Glanffrwd Care Home is located in Coychurch Road and offers short and long-term care to elderly members of the community needing residential and nursing care.

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Scouting in Nottage



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PRAISING WOMEN IN THE WORLD THIS WEEK

LEADING up to St David's Day, I was delighted to launch the annual Marie Curie Daffodil Campaign at the Senedd on February 13, praising and thanking the Marie Curie nurses and volunteers who raise funds for this charity, which touches all our lives.

It was particularly welcome to meet the young supporters from Barry Rugby Club. Last week I also enjoyed the Barry Scouts Marie Curie fundraising event at 11th Barry Sea Scouts Hall featuring a Teddy Zip Wire game which was enjoyed by beavers, scouts, leaders and parents.

It was disappointing that so many events

were cancelled on St David's Day as the weather worsened and the Met Office Red Level alert became a reality as the snow fell across the UK with parts of the Vale badly affected as we saw the drifts across the county.

Can I add my thanks to all those who worked in the caring and emergency services over Thursday, Friday and into the weekend when the thaw began.

I visited someone who praised her carer who had to abandon her car in Holton Road and walk all the way to the Knap in hazardous conditions to make her visit. There were many stories of this kind.

I would also like to thank the farmers who played their part in the rural Vale, digging people out of the snow. This was all voluntary effort and we thank them for their care and concern.

GUEST COLUMN



by VALE AM JANE HUTT

We are catching up on lost time, cancelled meetings and events but thankful that weather conditions have improved for an important week at the Senedd as we celebrate International Women's Day.

On Tuesday, we unveiled the first-ever Purple Plaque on the Senedd Wall in Cardiff Bay in memory of a 'Champion for Equality' the former Assembly Member for Swansea East, Val Feld.

I was proud to host the Purple Plaque Ceremony at the Senedd as a former colleague and friend of Val Feld who died in 2001 after a courageous battle with cancer.

She was a passionate advocate of equalities

and social justice as Director of Shelter Cymru, moving on to become Director of the Equal Opportunities Commission having a lasting impact on devolution by ensuring we had 'equality of opportunity' embedded in the 1998 Government of Wales Act.

The plaque will be the first in a series supported across Wales with a panel of advisers, including Barry's Professor Deirdre Beddoe, Emeritus Professor of Women's History at the University of South Wales, who will be hosting a lecture by Professor Beddoe on March 8 at the Pierhead Building.

She is also speaking about the Barry suffragettes at the Dorothy Rees Memorial Tea at Wenvoe Golf Club on Saturday, March 10, organised by the Vale Labour Women's Forum which was also responsible for the inspiring suffragette centenary exhibitions in libraries across the Vale over the past few weeks.

There are many opportunities for us to celebrate and support International Women's Day and to remember those who have played

such an important part in women's history, of whom there are many in the Vale.

We will also be remembering them during the Valeways Walking Festival in May, which will include part of the Barry Women's Trail launched by the Vale Council a few years ago featuring places where we can be reminded of these remarkable women.

Last week, I was delighted to meet Mia Watkins from Barry and Chloe Pearce from Llantwit Major who took part in the Chwarae Teg LeadHership Initiative last week involving women from 16-25 years old who were invited to shadow AMs like myself at the Assembly.

They were remarkable young women who will make their mark in whatever paths they choose to take.

There will be a focus on remarkable women this week in the Vale, in Wales and across the world and many of those will be the ones who are quietly caring for others in public services, as volunteers and in the community.

We honour them all.

Chris Elmore calls for CCTV review

MP FOR Ogmore Chris Elmore has asked the government to review its policy on CCTV usage on private properties after this issue was raised with him by a constituent.

During Business of the House Questions, Mr Elmore asked Andrea Leadsom MP, Leader of the House of Commons if UK Government ministers could review the success of the

Surveillance Camera Code of Practice. The code was originally published under David Cameron's government in 2013.

Speaking after the session, Mr Elmore said that he had a constituent who said he was being subjected to anti-social behaviour and harassment, and that the use of CCTV was a factor in this.

He continued: We need to look at how successful the code has been in practice."

Mr Elmore continued: "The central

role of my job is to raise issues which constituents come to me with.

"I'm always happy to seek government action on these issues and I am going to pursue this case further."

The Surveillance Camera Code sets out 12 guiding principles which are intended to strike a balance between protecting the public and upholding civil liberties. The success of the code remains unassessed five years after its introduction.

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Glamorgan members receive Brexit update



Euryn Jones, HSBC; Dr Tim Render, Welsh Government; Gwyn Thomas, NFU Cymru Glamorgan county C chairman; Aled Davies, NFU Cymru county adviser.

FARMERS attending the NFU Cymru Glamorgan County Conference in Pencoed on February 26 received a Brexit update from a leading Welsh Government official.

Guest speaker for the evening was Dr Tim Render, Director for Environment and Rural Affairs at Welsh Government, who used the opportunity to echo calls made by the Cabinet Secretary for Environment, Planning and Rural Affairs, Lesley Griffiths AM, about the future of land management in Wales post-Brexit.

Dr Render outlined the five core principles that underpin Welsh Government's vision for a new Wales land management policy, namely: keeping Welsh farmers on the land; ensuring a prosperous and resilient future for

Wales post-Brexit; delivering public goods for the people of Wales; a system of support accessible for all; and championing sustainable food production to help farmers compete in the global marketplace.

The meeting also provided outgoing county chair Abi Reader with the chance to summarise her time in post before handing over the reins to incoming chairman Gwyn Thomas.

NFU Cymru deputy director and head of policy, Dylan Morgan, provided members with an update on the Union's policy work over recent months, highlighting the work carried out with the Cabinet Secretary for Energy, Planning and Rural Affairs around water quality.

RABI regional manager Linda Jones spoke to members about the

charity's work supporting farming families in the region, and thanked Glamorgan members for their recent fundraising activities.

NFU Cymru Glamorgan County chairman Gwyn Thomas said: "I wish to thank Dr Tim Render for joining us for our meeting and sharing Welsh Government's position on Brexit. It is clear that this is still a great time of uncertainty for everyone in Wales and the decisions made by politicians at Welsh and UK level in the upcoming months will have a huge bearing on the shaping of our industry."

"I would also like to thank outgoing county chair Abi Reader for the fantastic job she has done for Welsh farming for the last four years. I also want to thank Euryn Jones and his team at HSBC for sponsoring this season's series of NFU Cymru conferences."

'Beware fake police officers' WARN SOUTH WALES POLICE

POLICE in South Wales are warning the public to be cautious and vigilant, after a number of people have reported being contacted someone claiming to be a police officer – who then uses an elaborate story in an attempt to get the victim to hand over significant amounts of money.

This week alone, South Wales Police has received at least eight reports of calls of this nature being made to people in Cardiff, while similar reports have been made by residents in the Vale on an almost daily basis.

In some of the instances, the victims were told their cards had been cloned or they had been a victim of fraud, and they were asked to provide their bank details.

During other calls, the victims were told a family member had been arrested, while others were told to visit cashpoints and draw out thousands of pounds to hand over to a 'courier' who would collect the money from their home.

In all of the cases, the person calling claimed to be a detective and was so convincing that some of those contacted handed over the money or bank

details requested.

Detective Inspector Paul Raikes, said: "These scammers are extremely persuasive and convincing and are often very successful in duping people in to handing over substantial amounts of money."

"Many of this week's victims have been elderly, but the truth is anyone can be targeted by these scammers and I'd urge everyone to be on their guard and to talk to their friends and loved ones about the scams."

"The more awareness there is of them, the less successful these fraudsters will be. Anything suspicious should be reported to us immediately."

Anyone who thinks they may have fallen victim to a scammer should report it via 101, or Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040.

DINAS POWYS COMMUNITY CINEMA

THE next show at Dinas Powys Community Cinema, on Saturday, March 10 is *Goodbye Christopher Robin* (PG, one hour 47 min).

This film tells the story of A A Milne and his family, especially his son Christopher Robin, and stars Domhnall Gleeson, Margot Robbie, and Kelly Macdonald.

The cinema is at the Murchfield Community Centre, Sunnycroft Lane, Dinas Powys (CF64 4QQ); doors open 6.30pm for a 7pm start and tickets are £4.50 on the door, or purchased in advance from the DPVC office at the rear of the Community Centre (weekday mornings) or at www.ticketline.co.uk/murchfieldcommunitycentre.

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Next stop Rolls Royce for apprentice Shauna

CARDIFF and Vale College student Shauna Holmes has been given an unconditional offer of an Advanced Apprenticeship at Rolls Royce when she finishes her course.

The Level 3 Extended Diploma in Aeronautical learner will start her apprenticeship with the World-renowned engineering company in September.

"I'm over the moon, I'm chuffed to pieces to say the least!" Shauna, who is 17 and from Bridgend, said. "I'm

going straight on to the Advance Apprenticeship, overhauling engines and maintenance and manufacture.

"I did work experience at Rolls Royce last summer and it was just amazing. All I've wanted to do from a very young age is work in engineering – in the last five years I thought more about specialising in aerospace. The bigger the better!"

Shauna said her time at Cardiff and Vale College's International Centre for Aerospace Training (ICAT) has been essential in preparing her for the role.

"An Advanced

Apprenticeship with Rolls Royce is a once in a lifetime opportunity for me," she explained. "The skills and knowledge that I have learned at the college have definitely helped me progress – I would never have considered working with Rolls Royce before I came here, and now I soon will be."

"My tutors said the Aeronautical course would open my eyes and it really did!"



Shauna Holmes.

MP supports Marie Curie

OGMORE MP Chris Elmore has shown his support for Marie Curie's 'The Great Daffodil Appeal', which was launched in Parliament last week.

The charity, which supports people living with terminal illness, and their families, has run the annual appeal since 1986.

After the launch Mr Elmore said: "I'm proud to support Marie Curie's campaign. They do an incredible job and help so many people across

the UK living with a terminal illness. This is something which will likely affect all of our lives at some stage and I hope as many people as possible get behind them this March."

Every March, millions of people across the UK wear small daffodil pins to both donate towards and raise awareness of the work Marie Curie does all year round.

Mr Elmore continued: "Through the public's generosity with this appeal, Marie Curie are able to help people across our country enjoy what time they have left together."

Council tax rise will 'prioritise and protect those in most need'

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The council already spends around £4.5m of Welsh Government grant funding on public realm works, but has budgeted for an additional £19m to be invested in services such as maintaining highways, parks and open spaces, street cleansing, public transport and rights of way.

In addition, £11m will be spent on the collection and disposal of the county borough's waste, and £1.8m will be invested in regulatory services such as trading standards, environmental health, animal health, licensing for alcohol or taxis and other services designed to keep people safe.

Capital investment will include £5m for the replacement and resurfacing of roads and pavements throughout the county borough, £2.5m on installing more efficient LED streetlights, and £1.3m for making schools and other premises energy efficient and more economical to run.

The council will invest £700,000 towards a new children's residential care hub and a healthy living and wellbeing centre, £400,000 on road safety improvements, and £360,000 on extending cemeteries at Porthcawl and Cornelly.

Council leader Huw David said: "The council's budget, financial strategy and corporate plan have all been set within the context of UK economic and

public expenditure strategies, Welsh Government priorities and legislative requirements.

"They have also taken account of our extensive public consultation in which the majority of residents prioritised services for older and disabled people, schools, youth services and children's social services, and favoured investment in schools, roads and regeneration.

"These views and opinions have been incorporated into the budget for 2018-19, and we have once again set out to protect frontline services while delivering savings through various means.

"These include continuing to reduce senior management posts, developing online services for areas like council tax and benefits, remodelling two residential homes for children, disposing of surplus properties and assets, undertaking further community asset transfers, relocating council staff and closing down some premises, and changing the way in which our back-office services are organised.

"At the same time, we have been able to ensure that there will be a great deal of investment. Work on things like preserving the future of Maesteg Town Hall, renewed sea defences and the regeneration of Salt Lake in Porthcawl is ongoing, and we are continuing to support economic growth and prosperity through programmes such as the Valleys Taskforce

and the Cardiff Capital Region City Deal.

"While the budget includes a reluctant council tax increase that equates to an extra £1.16 a week on a Band D property, we have been able to avoid problems that have caused some areas to set a 10 per cent increase or cancel all investment spending entirely.

"Ultimately, this is a budget that will protect and prioritise those who are in most need, deliver major investments for Bridgend county borough, and ensure that we will be able to meet the challenges of the year ahead."

Deputy leader Hywel Williams added: "Since the UK entered the age of austerity, it has become increasingly difficult for local authorities to offer many of the non-statutory services that people have commonly looked towards councils to provide.

"We continue to recognise that there is an untapped resource of capacity, talent and ideas within the wider community, and we will be encouraging and working alongside local people to help them play a more active role as the council evolves and change its shape and scope.

"This has been one of the most challenging budgets that the council has set to date, but I believe it will ensure that we are more than capable of meeting local needs in increasingly difficult circumstances."

Bridgend Quiz League results

HERE are this week's teasers from the Bridgend Quiz League:

1. Mount Hekla and Mount Surtsey are active volcanoes in which country? 2. What kind of oil is generally used in artists' oil paint? 3. Which country's Navy did Nelson defeat in the Battle of Copenhagen?

The latest results from the Quiz League are as follows:

Crown Maesteg 40,

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SNOW BRINGS CHAOS – AND A FEW HEROES!

RIGHT: The British Gas engineers worked across the weekend in Llantwit Major.

ON St David's Day, March 1, a heavy snowstorm descended on Wales leading to days of disruption across the Vale and Bridgend.

Schools were closed, transport services cancelled, villages cut off and vehicles stuck in snowdrifts.

In fact, St Athan was a British Isles record-breaker with snowfall of 51cm (20 inches).

People were forced to abandon cars – a couple stuck in a lane at St Mary Church had to be rescued.

Council staff worked around the clock, first to grit roads, and then, after the snow arrived, to clear them. In rural areas many routes were closed from Friday until early this week.

In Sully, a gritting truck was completely submerged in snow. But the adversity brought out the best in people and there were many reports

of people helping one another (see GEM letters page).

Mr Jeff Baker commented: "My wife and I, who are in our 70s, live in the village of Monkash and since Thursday we, like many others, were cut off by snowdrifts, some more than six feet deep.

"A local farmer and his wife did attempt to reach us by tractor. They ended up walking a considerable distance to check on our welfare and we were very grateful."

On Monday Mr Baker was relieved to see two large diggers driven by farmers clearing snow so people would be able to receive an emergency response, if needed, or be able to attend an appointment.

In Llantwit Major, the coastguard rescue team used a 4x4 vehicle to ferry people around and take a woman who had broken her arm to hospital. Residents in



Porthcawl used social media to build up a group of 4 x 4 owners who helped get essential workers to where they needed to be, and also to help out with any unexpected calls. It was co-ordinated by a retired police officer, Kerry Marlow.

The extreme conditions took their toll on many vehicles – on Monday morning drivers on the Llantwit to Cowbridge road complained that a collapse in the road

surface had led to damaged tyres and wheels.

Early this week, Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) said that its social services department had confirmed that all homecare calls were going ahead as planned.

By Tuesday, things across Bridgend and the Vale were getting back to normal.

At 1pm on Tuesday, Five Mile Lane reopened and Llandow Recycling

Centre re-opened too.

Councils emphasised there was reduced access in rural areas and that if the normal collection day had not gone ahead as planned, to take rubbish or refuse back inside until the next scheduled day.

Sweet success for CAVC's Bethan

CARDIFF and Vale College (CAVC) student Bethan Greenslade put the icing on the cake at a national patisserie competition.

Bakery student Bethan won gold in the Skills Competition Wales Advanced Patisserie and Confectionery finals.

She has now been invited to represent Wales in the UK-wide skills competition.

Bethan, who is 17, also won silver in the Welsh International Culinary Championships, which were held on the same day.

Skills Competition Wales pits the most talented students from across the country and feeds into the UK Skills Show and WorldSkills contests. It features competitions in a range of disciplines.

For the Advanced Patisserie and Confectionery finals, competitors had five hours to create a



Bethan Greenslade with her gold medal trophy and Welsh International Culinary Championships silver medal.

centrepiece using alone win.

chocolate and sugar, then produce 30 petit fours in two different kinds to their own design.

"I was utterly shocked when I won, I wasn't expecting it," Bethan said.

"I didn't go to the competition thinking I would get placed, let

"The contest was very exciting. I was very nervous at first. I was more nervous when I was practicing but on the day as soon as I got started the nerves fell away which was good because it would be a lot more difficult if I had nerves."

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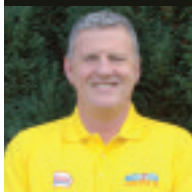
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Council mergers back on agenda

A Barry councillor has expressed concern after it emerged that the Welsh Government Cabinet has held discussions about new plans to reduce the number of councils in Wales.

According to reports plans to reduce the current number of 22 councils in Wales will be set out within weeks.

Cllr Vincent Bailey warned a major reorganisation could cause "chaos".

"The Welsh Government needs to come clean on its plans for the Vale, because a

major reorganisation could cause chaos after years of uncertainty.

"When you consider all the work that's going on with the City Deal, the last thing we need is a new attempt to force the Vale to merge with Cardiff.

"We don't want to be absorbed into a greater Cardiff council, and it's not acceptable for Labour Ministers to try and force it through without local support."

In the past, there were suggestions that the Vale Council could either merge with Bridgend County Borough Council or become part of a Greater Cardiff Council.

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CAVRA rescue three people in Cowbridge snowdrift

A Civil Aid Voluntary Rescue Association team rescued three people last Friday who were stuck in a snowdrift at The Herberts on the outskirts of Cowbridge.

CAVRA is a voluntary organisation, which provides assistance during severe weather conditions and had been called in by South Wales Police Control after the Fire Service couldn't get there.

The team, with three 4x4 vehicles, battled through horrendous conditions to get there.

The road was blocked and a farmer gave permission to go across his land.

The team tracked down the vehicle with three people in it. They had been there for 12 hours in freezing conditions.

The people were extricated via the boot of the car. They were put in the CAVRA Landrover and given food and warm drinks.

The people were taken to Cowbridge Fire Station where they had more drinks to warm them up.

Two were then taken to home addresses in Cardiff, and the other was taken to A & E at University Hospital of Wales for medical attention.

Cardiff & District RAYNET – an amateur radio emergency network organisation also helped in the rescue.

Snow strikes the Vale



'Road closed' signs were a common sight, as Aldrin Wilding-West captured in Barry.



GEM reader RH Bradshaw took this picture on Thursday morning on the A48 - he added: "The last time I stood in the middle of the bypass at 10 o'clock in the morning was in 1982 during a severe snow storm."



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Bianca never fail – fabulous colours, feminine with a twist. This season, there's a great colour palette; apple green highlighted with navy and grey and super feminine dresses.

Lovely jackets in a range of styles, what are you waiting for – call in and see for yourself!

If you're looking for a Mother's Day gift, we have some super accessories or if you're really stuck, how about a gift voucher?

If you are lucky enough to be going on holiday or you're a golfer, I am delighted to tell you that we have just received a range of cropped trousers from Brandtex and Signature in lovely colours – pale pink, stone, denim and white – a lovely range and a great fit.

If you're still feeling the cold, we have few sale items left and this weekend will be the last few days of the sale at crazy prices.

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GAME NIGHT MAKES FOR A VERY WORTHWHILE WATCH!

GETTING together round the table with a bottle of wine and breaking out a board game is a staple part of home

entertainment. However, what if things were taken up a notch to quite crazy lengths? That is what *Game Night* proposes, a comedy that sees game-mad Max and Annie

(Jason Bateman and Rachel McAdams) hosting a weekly game night.

However, things take a turn for the surreal when the game night gets kicked up a notch as Max's brother Brooks (Kyle Chandler) arranges a murder mystery party complete with fake thugs and FBI agents.

When Brooks gets kidnapped, Max, Annie and their friends assume it's all part of the game, but as they delve deeper they realise nothing is as it seems, and their game night is anything but a game...

On the surface you know what you are going to get with *Game Night* – a concept a little bit higher than your average comedy, with a dependable cast that should raise some laughs.

However, this is a film that does that and more, a highly amusing piece of work that certainly trades on the goodwill of the cast but also on the skilful direction of John Francis Daley and Jonathan Goldstein, making for a highly diverting and fun little film.

Daley and Goldstein previously helmed the misfiring *Vacation* in 2015, but their roots lay



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in comedy screenplays so they're on sure footing here, working from Mark Perez's script.

If the set-up feels a little like a comedic take on *The Game* then you'd be right; however, the laughs lie in the fact that, up until a certain point, none of the players realise that this is anything but a game.

It certainly doesn't rip up the rule book, but it does provide a platform for the cast to do a decent job, and, more significantly, it's a chance for Dale and Goldstein to show off their directing skills.

They have a good handle on the comedic set-pieces, yet show far more ambition than your average comedy director – there are minor action sequences that impress while a Fabergé egg chase-cum-American football game is stylishly done.

As the story develops it certainly threatens to go off the rails, but their sure hand ensures that while the climax feels a tad lacklustre, it doesn't impact on the enjoyment of the film as a whole.

Jason Bateman can do these kinds of comedies in his sleep (and watching *Horrible Bosses 2* you think he has) but his game-loving character, and issues with his brother, give him a slightly different edge here, while Rachel McAdams gets to exercise her rarely-used funny bone, and delivers a pleasing turn alongside him.

While their game-playing friends are thinly sketched with sub-plots that don't wholly hit the mark, it's nice to see Sharon Horgan get an outing on the big screen, while Kyle Chandler and Jesse Plemons (as a divorcee policeman with a knack of being creepy) are very good value.

The pacing is pretty good, however the film's lurch into action film towards the end stretches credulity just a little bit too much and the whole notion of who is playing a game and who isn't, while ambitious, does fall apart as the film speeds toward the end.

But the direction of Daley and Goldstein (set to take on the seemingly poisonous chalice of the DC universe next with *Flashpoint*) takes this a step above many comedies of its ilk, and all in all makes for a satisfying and amusing way to spend 100 minutes of your life.

VERDICT: A worthwhile watch, *Game Night* isn't a brave new spin on comedy, but it does offer a little more concept than you get with most, and the winning efforts of the cast, coupled with some great direction from John Francis Daley and Jonathan Goldstein, make this eminently watchable – in gaming terms, *Game Night* can pass Go! *Enjoyable.*

SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: *The Game* (1997), *Horrible Bosses* (2011).

Churchill's Thin Grey Line: British Merchant Ships At War 1939–1945 REVIEWED

THE author **Bernard Edwards, who has settled in a tiny village in rural south Wales, pursued a sea-going career commanding ships trading worldwide for nearly 40 years.**

He is a prolific author and this, his latest, is a cracking read which brings home to the reader how much we in this country owe to the Merchant Navy.

It tells the story of just some of those brave seamen, volunteers all, who manned the thin line of grey-painted ships that stretched from horizon to horizon, keeping Britain's vital sea lanes open in the face of a determined and ruthless German and Japanese enemy.

Some 2,535 British ocean-going merchant ships were sunk and, of the 185,000 men and women serving in the British Merchant Navy at the time, 36,749 sacrificed their lives. A further 4,707 were

wounded and more than 5,000 ended up in prisoner of war camps.

One of the ships sunk was *The Winkleigh*, a 5,055-ton Cardiff tramp owned by WJ Tatem who – as Lord Glanely – was the leading racehorse owner before the war, and who was killed in a bombing raid at Weston Super-Mare.

Using casebook examples this well researched book tells the inspiring story of those brave civilian volunteers who fought so gallantly to defend their ships and cargoes.

Their casualty rate of 25 per cent was second to only the RAF Bomber Command's.

The author says that even today, more than 70 years since it all ended, this country is still heavily in their debt. One thing certain is that author Bernard Edwards has done them proud in the hardback book of 233 pages published by Pen and Sword at £19.99. See www.pen-and-sword.co.uk.

Brian Lee

Poutine on the list at Tomos a Lilford Brewery

CHIPS, cheese, gravy and beer; Canadian street food arrives at Tomos a Lilford Brewery on Saturday, March 10 when the local craft brewery opens its doors to the public with street food from Puckin' Poutine, purveyors of Canadian fare.

Tomos a Lilford Director, Rob Lilford said:

"Last week's snowy backdrop is the perfect preparation for what we have in store this week.

Canada's national dish, poutine, is a totally bonkers combination of chips, cheese curds, and gravy, which shouldn't be delicious, yet it is!

"Hot poutine and a nice pint are just the

thing for a gloomy winter weekend. The Tomos a Lilford team will be on hand to offer beer tasting. We'd also like to thank everyone who generously helped us to raise £360 for Refugee Kitchen at our last street food pop up.

"The brewers would love to see everyone on Saturday: mums and dads, children, and dogs are all welcome. You can relax and enjoy some delicious grub with some of our experimental beers."

The brewery is open from 1pm to 11pm, and food will be served until 6pm.

Tomos a Lilford Brewery is at Unit 11b, Vale Business Park, Llandow, Cowbridge, CF71 7PF. Telephone 01446 677757, or visit www.tomosalilford.com.

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Local artist's gallery now open



AFTER a busy few weeks away in France painting, local marine artist Nick John Rees is really pleased to announce that his new gallery is now open.

The gallery is in Pugh's Garden Village in Wenvoe, which is in the middle of a large redevelopment and has over 40 original paintings on display plus signed, limited edition prints.

Many of the scenes are views of our beautiful local coastline and include both Watchtower and Jackson's Bays in Barry as well as Flat Holm and Steep Holm.

Nick and Olli look forward to welcoming visitors to the Gallery!

Olli H Rees

Arad Goch on tour

ARAD Goch will be touring a new production around Wales' theatres during summer 2018.

A stage adaptation of the popular children's book 'Na, Nel! Na, Nel! Wwww!' will tour around 17 different theatres all over Wales between May and July with an original new story from the book's author, Meleri Wyn James.

The Na Nel! series has been very popular with Wales' young readers. Aimed at seven years and older, the original series has sold thousands since its first release in 2014.

"Nel and her friends have been alive in my imagination – and children's imagination – for some years now, but it is very exciting to think that Cwmni Theatr Arad Goch will soon bring them alive on stage!" said Meleri Wyn James.

"I've started writing a new adventure for Na, Nel! – full of the usual

fun and mischief and I'm looking forward to sharing them with new audiences in 2018."

Nel and her friends will start their theatre tour in Felinfach on May 15 and will be finishing in the Sherman Theatre in Cardiff on July 17. To see the full tour, which includes Caernarfon, Newtown, Aberystwyth, Carmarthen, Llanelli and lots more, visit Arad Goch's website www.aradgoch.org

"The characters of Nel and her friends are exciting, interesting, sometimes mischievous and full of energy," said Jeremy Turner, artistic director of Arad Goch and director of Na Nel! Wwww!

"I'm looking forward to get to know them better through directing this new play by Meleri."

For more information, contact Arad Goch 01970617998, carwyn@aradgoch.org or follow Arad Goch on Facebook and Twitter @aradgoch.

What's on and where

Fabric swap
WHITE Gecko Craft Lounge in Camms Corner, Dinas Powys are having a fabric swap evening.

Bring fabric that has been sitting in your stash forever; you will get a ticket for the amount that you bring and you can go home with that amount of someone else's stash! There will be bubbles and nibbles and 20 per cent off everything in store.

We will also have a demonstration for the quilting frame in the shop, this can be hired per hour. Come and have a play on it and try your hand at quilting. Contact the shop on 02921152628 or on shop@whitegeckoevents.co.uk

Golden Oldies
GOLDEN Oldies aim to brighten the lives of the older person with fun!

To make friends and sing you don't even have to be able to sing – Golden Oldies is a charity that uses music to brighten the life of the older person. They sing popular hits from 30s, 50s and 60s but it is not a choir.

Golden Oldies use music to bring people together, encourage laughter and smiling and most important help make new friends.

A session is held monthly on the second Tuesday in the month at the Schoolroom, Salem Baptist Church in Beryl Road, Barry. Come and give it a try on Tuesday,

March 13 from 10.30am to 11.30am with refreshments to follow. You can call Rachel Parry on 07796 714816 or just come along.

Valeways guided walks
ON Sunday, March 11 'Coastal Path Up and Down' proceeds from the seafront car park in Gileston at 2pm.

Monday, March 12 meet at the Cosmeston Country Park information centre at 11am for a park and coastal path walk.

The Coffee Shop Strollers of Cosmeston meet on Wednesday, March 14 at 10.30am at the park information centre.

The same day the Coffee Shop Strollers of Llantwit Major meet at the town hall car park in Llantwit at 2.30pm.

On Friday, March 16 meet at the Star Inn in Treoce (CF35 5DL) for a north west Vale walk at 10am.

Credit Union
IF you live in the Vale of Glamorgan or Cardiff and are looking for a flexible saving account; or affordable low interest loans with no hidden charges – perhaps a loan for electrical white goods – in partnership with Co-op Electrical, Age Connects Cardiff and Vale are holding a drop-in advice session on Tuesday, March 13 from 10am to 12pm.

This will be held at the Senior

Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry. You will be able to have a chat to an adviser from the Credit Union on help available. No appointment is needed; call 01446 732385 for further information.

PACT meetings
COME along to Gibbonsdown 'Cuppa with a Copper' held every Monday morning at the Aberaeron HUB, Aberaeron. Close between 10am and 12 noon.

Gibbonsdown PACT is on Tuesday, March 13 at The Residents' Board Office, Coychurch Rise, Barry at 10.30am.

Penarth police officers will be holding a drop-in session at Penarth police station on Thursday, March 22 between 4.30pm and 5.30pm.

Llandow Eweny Coffee and Chat is at the Lamb & Flag, St Brides on Tuesday, March 20 at 11am.

Coffee at the library
VALEPLUS is holding a coffee morning in the Art Gallery of the Library, King Square, Barry on Thursday, March 15 between 10am and 12pm.

There will be stalls including cakes and plants and also a raffle. Tickets £2, available from ValePlus, Cafe No 5 or Nova – all found in High Street, Barry.

Call 01446 746691 for further details.

Vale villages were cut off by the St David's Day snowdrifts

PHOTOGRAPHS by GLYN EVANS

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THE prospect of getting stuck in the snow did not deter local photographer Glyn Evans when he headed towards St Bride's, St Donat's and Llangan after the snows came.

He found some massive snowdrifts, and many hamlets were still cut off, but he was able to take these striking images.



ABOVE: A touch of the Bruegels about this shot from St Bride's?



ABOVE: It wasn't easy to get around the St Donat's area.



Huge drifts near Nash Point.



ABOVE: A massive drift near Llangan.



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ABOVE: Nash Point lighthouse (on right) was snowed in.



ABOVE: The sheep took it all very calmly.

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SPRINGWATCH? No: kittenwatch

PREGNANT feline three-year-old Daisy came in to Cats Protection's Bridgend adoption centre when her owners moved away.

A family fed her for a month, but couldn't give her a permanent home so asked Cats Protection for help.

The centre has decided to write a blog which will follow the progress of Daisy and her kittens from birth until

finding new homes when they are approximately eight weeks old.

Daisy gave birth on March 1, just as the snow descended. The centre is asking the public to come up with names with a spring theme for each of her kittens, although 'Emma', 'Storm', and 'Snowflake' seem appropriate.

Interested readers can follow Daisy and her offspring on the 'kitten watch' blog from the centre at bit.ly/kittenwatchbridgend.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Penarth Local History Society
Thursday, March 8 Alan Thorne will give a talk on notable residents of Penarth.

The talk will be at All Saints' Lesser Hall, Victoria Square, Penarth at 7.30pm. Admittance £2 for non members, all are welcome.

Notice of Surgery

VALE AM Jane Huil will hold a surgery on March 10 from 10am - 11am at Barry Citizens' Advice Bureau at 119 Broad Street. No appointment necessary.

Table top sale

A TABLE top sale will take place on Saturday, March 17 at Rossway Church, Barry.

Doors open at 11am and tables include cakes, refreshments, raffle, tombola and numerous others. Free admission.

Macmillan offers HOPE on the web

I WOULD like to let your readers know that they can now access our HOPE self-management programme online (I-HOPE).

For many people, dealing with cancer is the biggest challenge they will ever face. HOPE has been designed to help people living with and beyond cancer to manage the emotional impact of their diagnosis.

It focuses on topics including managing fatigue and stress, exploring character strengths and priorities as well as living positively with the fear of recurrence.

Since the HOPE programme was launched in Wales in 2013 in partnership with Coventry University, around 320 people have been supported in locations across the country.

Feedback from those attending the programme has shown that they've been able to take something away to help them to look forward in life. However, we know that some people find it difficult to attend the face to face sessions, with health medical appointments, work schedules,

parenting or carer responsibilities all acting as barriers.

The online version of the programme can provide people with the support they need in their own time, at a location convenient to them, and in a way that can fit around their day-to-day lives.

I would like to encourage anyone who needs support with managing the impact of their cancer diagnosis to sign up to this free programme.

I-HOPE is an opportunity for people to explore methods to live life with cancer, and they can fit this programme around their own schedule.

The programme will begin on Monday, April 23 and will run for seven weeks. Participants are asked to commit to two hours a week, at a time that suits them.

To find out more or book a place, contact the Learning and Development team in Wales on 01656 867 960 or email

waleslearning@macmillan.org.uk

Genette Webster
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The Barry and District Ladies Skittles League

W E E K commencing February 26:

Division 1 - Barry Stars 322 (S Phillips 34), Family Affair 293 (S Vincent 36); Allsorts 266 (C Griffiths 28), Fallen Angels 240 (S Jones 27).

Division 2 - Special Angels 245 (B Gilbert 26), Castle Bandits 187 (J Grant 27); Roller Coasters 228 (T Saunders and B Maffey 23), LaBells 235 (R. Clogg 31); Witchill Widows 258 (N Barfield and E Cornwell 30), Bobby's Girls 275 (N Toogood 33).

Division 3 - Merry Makers 159 (M Payne 24), Off the Rails 208 (L McCormack and J Rosser 22); Rebels 221 (C Carter 25), Hillbillies 215 (D Stewart 22); Persuaders 216 (G Hughes 23), Westenders 210 (M Coombes 23).

Division 4 - Witches 213 (O Weighall 27), Hellraisers 209 (M Davies 25); Optimists 249 (S Hayne 25), Livin on a Spare 204 (M Ping 26).

Due to weather conditions a lot of matches were cancelled - we apologise for any scores missing due to weather, as any posted were not delivered.

HB

Barry RFC news

HOPEFULLY, after last weekend's whitewash, Barry RFC can get back into league action this Saturday with a mouth-watering clash against the present leaders, Cilfynydd.

This fixture replaces the original game which was due to be away to the same opposition - that game will be played under lights later in the season.

Hopefully we'll see good support for this important game.

The second XV are also at home with both games kicking off at 2.30pm.

Despite the weather, the lottery draw went ahead. The winning numbers, which failed to produce a winner of either the main draw or a ticket which matched three numbers for a £10 prize, were 02, 05, 18 and 21 - this week's jackpot will be £1,100.

AJ

GVS can help you find your way around the third sector

GLAMORGAN Voluntary Services (GVS) offers an extensive range of training courses and briefing sessions.

If you work or volunteer for a charity or community group our courses are designed specifically for you. Prices start from as little as £5.

If you are not a GVS member and you would like to join, the good news is that membership is free for groups with an annual income of under £15,000 with Associate Membership being free.

Some of the briefing sessions and courses GVS offers include: recruiting, selecting and managing

volunteers; social media training; sustainable funding; preparing a sustainable funding strategy; community fundraising; GDPR; Get Ready to Tender and preparing press releases.

GVS can also design courses specific to your group's needs and deliver them to an entire team on a mutually agreed date.

If you would like to find out more about the courses we currently have available, see our website's training page: www.gvs.wales/support-for-groups/gvs-training or contact GVS on 01446 741706.

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New national development manager named for Wales RL

WALES Rugby League have appointed the very experienced Paul Chambers as their new National Development Manager, replacing Idris Evans who left the post late last year.

Chambers, 49, will start his new fulltime role on Monday, March 12 and be responsible for growing the sport in Wales across all regions, delivering upon the WRL National Strategy and ensuring the relatively young National Governing Body, at 12-years-old, takes the next stage in its development.

Originally from Coventry, Chambers attended Warwick School and initially played rugby league at Brunel University alongside current RFL National Player Development Manager Dave Rotherham before becoming a PE Teacher in 1990 in Middlesex and played semi-professionally with London Broncos before they were elevated into Super League.

He left for Australia in 1999 and only returned to the UK in early 2016. While in Australia, he held many educational roles including teaching at St Paul's College in Manly and then becoming head of sport at Bishop Druitt College.

In 2011, he began working fulltime with the NRL as their Coach Education Development Manager, working extensively in north coast of New South Wales before moving to Brisbane and continuing with the same role in the south of the Queensland capital.

In 2014, he left to teach at Alexandra Hills High School as their Rugby League Development Coordinator which included coaching with a number of Brisbane Broncos

Elite Player Development Squads as well as coaching representative sides at under-15 and -18 levels in Queensland.

From April 2016 until December 2017, he worked as the Sport Development Manager at SportTherm and Athletic Mind and was based on the Isle of Wight.

There he managed a team of staff in designing and delivering programmes in CrossFit Coaching, Strength and Conditioning Coaching, Sports Coaching and Teaching amongst others.

Chambers, who has a number of related qualifications and is currently towards the end of his Masters in Sports Coaching, said: "I am very excited to be offered this great opportunity to manage the next phase of Rugby League development in Wales."

"I will look to build on the work that Idris has done over the last few years and implement my own vision and values to the role. I will use the experience and knowledge that I have gained working for the NRL in NSW and Queensland to lead and grow the game to even bigger and better levels."

Wales Rugby League CEO Chris Thair said: "We had a number of very strong applicants however Paul's experience and skillset shone through meaning we are all very excited about what he will bring to the organisation."

"The continued financial support from the RFL and Sport Wales means we can put employed posts into developing rugby league and we thank both partners."

"It is always nice when someone new joins the family and we all look forward to working with Paul on continuing to progress the sport here in Wales."

RHOOSE YOUNGSTERS GET THE BARCELONA EXPERIENCE



Cowbridge RFC are ready for tough test

UNFORTUNATELY, there was no rugby for Cowbridge RFC last weekend as the conditions took their toll on fixtures across Wales.

Strangely there was not a great deal of snow on the pitch but the club was inaccessible as the strong winds had created six foot drifts on the driveway.

The under-12s' Blues Cup semi-final was also called off.

This Saturday the visitors are second placed Treherbert, just one point ahead of Cowbridge but with a game in hand.

Cowbridge put in a sterling performance against a giant pack at Treherbert in November, but despite heroic defending finally lost 13-0 to a try and two penalties.

Following the fine win against Old Penarthians the boys will be looking for another good performance to move up to second place so come down and cheer them on.

It's then back to the Clubhouse to

watch France v England at 5.45pm.

There's no game the following Saturday as it's the final round of the Six Nations and the club will be open for all three games, starting with Italy v Scotland at 12.30pm followed by England v Ireland at 2.45pm and climaxing with Wales v France at 5pm.

It should be a scintillating end to the tournament with hopefully everything still to play for.

It's then back to league action and we take on Ferndale at home on March 24 followed by Tonyrefail away on March 31.

The youth are scheduled to play Cardiff Uni at home on March 24 and Aberdare away on March 31.

RV/RK

AFC Rhoseo players enjoyed the unique opportunity to be coached by ex-Barcelona player Juanjo as part of 'The Barcelona Experience'.

Over 45 children aged 8-12 attended the day, arranged by AFC Rhoseo under-11s coach Derek Evans, who said: "This opportunity was a chance for local children to undertake an experience rarely available - to interact, receive coaching and have an insight into the demands of an elite level former Barcelona player."

"The players had an incredible morning which they won't forget and we look forward to hosting similar events in the future."

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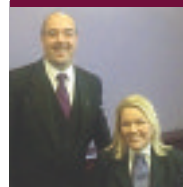
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Adored wife of the late Bob Jones, loved and cherished mother of Angela, David and mother-in-law of Pat. Much loved nan of Hayley, Cheri, Bethan and the late Robert Jones. Great grandmother of Nathan, Ashley, DeeJ, Kaley and Lillie. Great great grandmother of Sienna.

Words cannot express how much Ursula will be missed by all her family and friends.

Sleep peacefully with the angels mum xxx

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare, Gladstone Road, Barry until the funeral on Wednesday, 14th March. Funeral service at All Saints Church Barry at 3pm, followed by cremation at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road East, Barry.

Family flowers only, if desired donations may be handed to the funeral director after the funeral for The Stroke Association.

LAVIS**Catherine Jean 'Jean'**

Sadly passed away at home with her family on Friday, 23rd February. A one in a million, loving mother to Anita and Lyn, a wonderful devoted grandmother to Jake and Beth and 'a partner in crime' to Philip, her son-in-law.

A wonderful lady who we loved so much, we are going to miss her terribly.

Funeral service at Coychurch Crematorium at 10am on Monday, 12th March. No flowers by request, donations, if so desired, to Marie Curie. No formal attire required, bright colours would be lovely.

HALL**Janneke 'Jan'**

Suddenly but peacefully on Thursday, 15th February 2018 at The Princyn of Wales Hospital, Bridgend. Janneke of Bryntrinion Hill, Bridgend. Former physiotherapist. Beloved wife of Alun, much loved mum of Azina and Jo-Ann. Loved and respected mother in law of Paul and Craig. A dear sister of Honor and Eric.

Funeral service in Coychurch Crematorium on Monday, 12th March 2018 at 3.15pm. Family flowers only by request but donations in lieu for Cancer Research UK will be kindly received and may be sent direct to Cancer Research UK, PO Box 1561, Oxford, OX4 9GR.

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Peacefully at the University Hospital of Wales, Cardiff on 25th February, Nora, of Tan-y-Fron, Barry. Dearly beloved wife of the late Bill, much loved Mam of Paul and Sian. Mother-in-law of Angela, adored nan of Daniel, Rhys and Tom. Great grandmother of Elliot and Aled.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare, Gladstone Road, Barry until her funeral service at St Helen's RC Church, Barry on Thursday, 22nd March at 1pm, followed by interment at Barry Cemetery at 2pm. Family flowers only, donations, in lieu of flowers, to The Alzheimer's Society.

PRATT**Elsie Rebecca**

Passed away on 26th February at Llandough Hospital. Beloved wife of the late John and a much loved mum to John, Dave, Madeline and Allen. Cherished mother-in-law, grandmother and great grandmother.

Elsie will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

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SMART**Elizabeth Catherine**
(Bette) (née Simpson)

Peacefully on 27th February at Llandough Hospital, Elizabeth Catherine (Bette), aged 96 years, of Court Road, Barry; previously of Fochriw. Treasured wife of the late Daniel, loved mother of the late Terry Simpson Smart. Dearly loved sister of Eileen and sister-in-law of Tommy. Aunt of Mark and Helen.

Bette will be greatly missed by all of her family and friends.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare, Gladstone Road, Barry. Funeral service at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road East, Barry on Tuesday, 20th March, where family and friends please meet at 3pm.

Family flowers only, if desired donations may be handed to the funeral director after the funeral for Wales Air Ambulance.

THOMAS
Eira Elizabeth

Peacefully on 21st February at Llandough Hospital, Eira, dearest wife of the late David, devoted mother of Linda, mother-in-law of Nick, loving grandmother of Euan and Rhian and great grandmother of Bruar and Bryn.

Will be sadly missed by family and friends.

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W. James & Sons, Fommon. Funeral Friday, 16th March, service 2pm at Gileston Church, followed by interment in Gileston Cemetery.

No flowers by request.

BAGNALL
Mary Evelyn

Peacefully at home on Monday, 5th March in her 96th year, Mary, of Rhoose Road, Rhoose. Beloved wife of the late John, wonderful mum to David, Gary, Russell and Susan. Loving nan to all her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W. James & Sons, Fommon. Funeral Tuesday, 13th March, service 11am at Porthkerry Church, followed by interment in Porthkerry Cemetery.

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YMCA Barry 'ecstatic' after two gymnasts are selected for Wales



Josh Cook, Pete Haysham and Iwan Mephram.

YMCA Barry gymnasts Josh Cook and Iwan Mephram will be heading for the Gold Coast, Australia, in April to take part in the Commonwealth Games!

They were on the 'long list' to represent Wales and, last year and this, Josh and Iwan have had to undergo many trials around Britain to demonstrate they have the potential to score high enough to be selected.

They competed in their final Commonwealth Games trial in February during the Welsh Championships in Cardiff.

All the male gymnasts on the Commonwealth long list competed over two days, day one being the senior men's Welsh Championships.

This competition came with excellent results, with Iwan becoming the Welsh rings champion. Josh went on to become the Welsh high bar and parallel bar champion as well, and at just 17 Josh became the overall senior Welsh champion.

On the second day of competition both Josh and Iwan posted some excellent scores, with Iwan claiming the parallel bar title.

Scores from the Commonwealth trials were then put together for the national coaches and Sport Wales to decide if a team would be travelling to

Australia, and who would be successful in gaining a place in the team.

YMCA Barry Gymnastics Club were ecstatic that Josh and Iwan were selected for the Welsh team. This is a fantastic achievement to have two members of YMCA Barry representing Wales in the highest level competition.

Congratulations to Josh Cook, Iwan Mephram and coach Pete Haysham for all your hard work and dedication throughout their journey to this year's Commonwealth Games.

Josh, Iwan and Pete will travel to Australia with the rest of Team Wales at the end of March. Good luck to all of the Welsh team!

Could your son or daughter be YMCA Barry's future Commonwealth representative?

YMCA Barry offers gymnastics to all ages and abilities from baby gymnastics to adult gymnastics classes. The club also offers elite gymnastics in female and male artistic gymnastics, as well as recreational classes in preschool gymnastics, female gymnastics, male gymnastics and cheerleading.

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Jasper and Bryan welcomed the Mayor of Barry, Cllr Nic Hodges, and his wife Cllr Shirley Hodges, to the official opening.

JUST before the snow hit the region, Wales' smallest theatre, The Small Space, on Barry's Island Road, held its official launch night.

Among the invited guests who celebrated with a glass of fizz were Assembly Member Jane Hutt and the Mayor of Barry Nic Hodges.

Seating just 20 people in the theatre's auditorium and featuring a fully licensed upstairs bar, the Victorian converted one-up, one-down shop has already hosted three sell-out shows, with the next three sold-out too.

The owners, professional Magic Circle magicians Jasper Blakeley and Bryan Gunton, entertained special guests and local traders.

Jasper said: "It's been a great turn-out tonight and the comments from all the guests have been incredible; we've had half a dozen enquiries for our private-hire parties already."

World class illusionists have been booked up for future shows.

Jasper said: "We've got some unbelievably



talented conjurers: psychological Derren Brown-style manipulators, card experts and comedy magicians lined-up, and it's not just the UK that's being represented as we have US and Italian magicians too."

Bryan added: "We're really keen for any local group or business to get in touch about hiring the venue during the day as it's an amazing space and we really want this place to be used by the community."

For more information about what is planned, go to: www.thessmallspace.co.uk.

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Author's new book draws on his days as a young reporter



David Simmonds.



EVER wondered how those hot-shot TV reporters started their careers?

A new book by Penarth author David Simmonds, a former BBC journalist himself, might shed some light on that subject - although David emphasises that most of the book is actually 'fake news'.

"*Jake's Progress* is very much a work of fiction, although much of the setting and some of the situations Jake encounters come from my own days as a trainee reporter on weekly newspapers in the south Wales valleys in the early 1970s", he said.

"The story is set in 1986: Jake has just graduated from a Welsh university and is starting his first job on a small

valleys newspaper, leaving behind the dying embers of a love affair in London.

"He's very keen and has some success early on, but things get a bit complicated when he gets involved with two would-be freedom fighters who are set on kidnapping the Lord Lieutenant of the county in a bid to demonstrate their commitment, and an embittered Minister whose plans for the same man are much more final."

"Jake's personal life gets sticky too when he becomes very attracted to a beautiful fellow reporter, and his soon-to-be ex falls for one of the freedom fighters. It all comes to an explosive climax - literally."

David describes *Jake's Progress*, which is on sale at Griffin Books on Windsor Road in Penarth town centre, as "a darkly comic tale of romance, revenge and reporting".

He added: "Most of my time on weekly papers wasn't nearly as exciting as Jake's, but I still remember that period of my life with great fondness."

New Flybe jobs at Cardiff Airport are ahead of schedule

THE regional airline Flybe has announced that it has created more jobs at Cardiff Airport than originally planned.

When Flybe opened its new base at Cardiff Airport with a 10-year agreement in June 2015, the forecast was that it would create 50 new jobs to support the two Embraer jets.

In under three years, the airline now employs 62 staff at the airport

and has created another 100 indirect jobs in ground handling and engineering support services there.

This number will receive another boost at the end of March when a third aircraft arrives for the start of Flybe's 2018 summer schedule, with an additional 22 Cardiff-based crew needed to support the airline's expanded operation.

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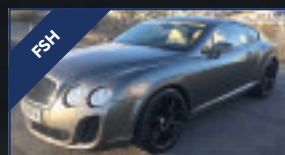
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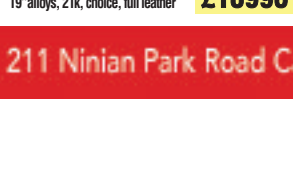
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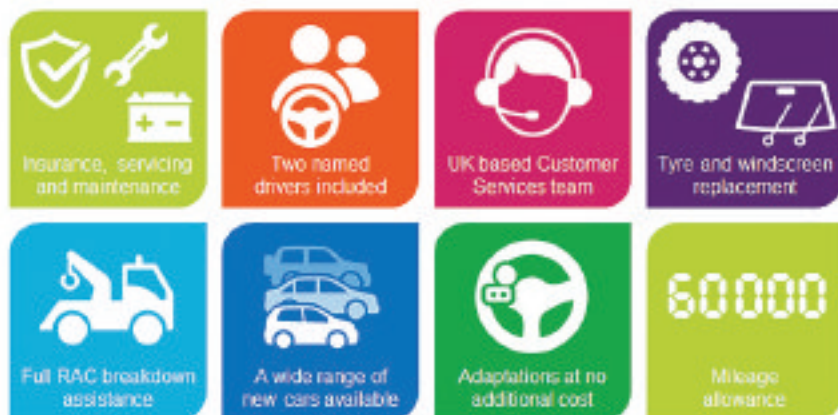
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Wales RL CEO shares his thoughts for the future...

The Wales under-23 side returned from the Commonwealth Championships in Australia last week and Wales Rugby League CEO Chris Thair has discussed the legacy for the sport.

He said: "Legacy is always a discussion point around any major sporting event and whilst there is no funding or an official legacy programme to the recent Rugby League Commonwealth Championships, the 20 players and staff from Wales who participated in this Nines tournament with distinction, have ensured the sport in Wales and globally has taken another positive step forward."

"There will always be difficulty in getting a new team sport into the main Commonwealth Games due to the cost and logistical implications this would bring to the Games, however rugby league is now one step closer to doing so following the recent conclusion of the successful 2018 Rugby League Commonwealth Championships in Australia."

"If rugby league were to become part of the Commonwealth Games then this would bring huge benefits to the sports development across the globe, raising performance standards and participation rates due to increased investment by Sports Councils. Especially for nations such as Wales who prioritise particular government and lottery funds to those sports in the games over those who aren't."

"There are 70 participating nations in the 2018 Commonwealth Games and whilst there is a good fit to first tier rugby league nations such as England, Australia and New Zealand there is also a strong overlap to those nations not at that stage of development such as Canada, Cook Islands, Fiji, India, Jamaica, Kenya, Northern Ireland, Nigeria, Pakistan, PNG, Samoa, Scotland, South Africa, Tonga and Wales."

"Rugby League's global governing body, the Rugby League International Federation (RLIF), asked the Commonwealth Games Federation over five years ago how the sport could become part of the Commonwealth Games. In their response they offered no guarantees however the Federation said rugby league must become a category 2 sport in order to be considered. It is currently category 3, and this status would be reviewed after the 2022 Commonwealth Games."

"In the meantime the Commonwealth Games Federation asked the RLIF to do commit to two programmes of work. Firstly, continue to establish and develop the sport in Commonwealth nations especially those in the Caribbean, Asia and Africa. Secondly and perhaps most importantly, commit to delivering a Commonwealth Championships around the Games themselves."

"While officially recognised by the Federation, these events would receive no financial or logistical support from them. This was a test to the sport to see how committed it was."

"Thankfully the RLIF and its member nations such as Wales are committed. So far two fantastic events have been delivered in Glasgow 2014 and Gold Coast 2018, the latter having \$150,000 Australian dollars invested into the event by the RLIF, building upon the first men's competition by adding two new competitions for women and disabled athletes. The hugely entertaining games streamed around the world and involving many partners have been a great success."

"Next up will be Birmingham 2022, after which the Commonwealth Games Federation will let know rugby league know its fate. The answer may be no however there can be doubt the sport had tried to do become part of the games and certainly moved a few steps forward into one day doing so."

"If in 2022 or 2023 rugby league does get announced as being part of the 2026 Commonwealth Games then all the players, staff, families, sponsors and partners who have

supported the last two Commonwealth Championships should be immensely proud."

"Outside of the global legacy for the sport, we are also left with a much healthier sport in Wales. I was reminded of this as I met the Wales team and staff at the arrivals lounge in the airport as they arrived back at the airport."

"Lots of families and partners were there to pick up their loved ones, all of whom reported back they had a great time, much of which I could see when following their social media accounts. Upon seeing her son at the airport one mum burst into tears saying how proud she was of him, it reminded me how powerful and meaningful some of our programmes are."

"Before, during and after these 20 people have been away with Wales U23s, they have been engaging their local communities, social media accounts, work places and friends."

"Representing Wales on the other side of the world, playing Australia, beating England (all Welshmen love this) and doing something remarkable. This opportunity, the positive experience they've had means the sports reputation is improved with many more people and is much better for it. New people that our news stories or WRL social media account don't ordinarily reach."

"While nearly all the players were from South Wales, we purposely took staff from key constituents within the sport - north Wales, south Wales and a Super League club - engaging, developing and influencing these for the betterment of rugby league in Wales."

"Those involved in the trip have developed as people and players. Retention rates are improved not only with these people but for those they inspire when they go back to their rugby league clubs."

"Involvement in prestigious events and teams makes it easier to engage those touched in future opportunities. Be that becoming a new player, official, administrator, coach or sponsor, it will enable the game to grow in Wales."

"Thank you to Energy Check our main sponsor for the Wales under-23s team, to everyone who has supported the team and especially to the following people, who, led by the outstanding head coach Shane Eccles, represented Wales under-23s with distinction and honour: Cobi Green, Stefan Collins, Paul Edwards, Liam Rice-Wilson, Zak Williams, Rhys Gant, Dan Crabtree, Connor Farrer, Jake Thomas, Blake Turner, Aneurin Walker, Macauley Harris, Morgan Jefferies, Karlin Claridge and Liam Silver (all players)."

"Shane Eccles (head coach), Mark Robinson (assistant coach), David Albertelli (team manager), Craig Poskitt (commercial manager) and Ian Golden (media manager)."

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Beavers hold AGM

ON February 1, Barry Beavers Swimming Club held their AGM at the Civic Offices, in which members of the club were invited to attend.

Both Clive and Sue Taylor attended the AGM as our club's new patrons and were mentioned during the meeting. Also Jane Hutt AM and Kris from GVS attended as our guest speakers and were able to add their feedback about the club regarding how it has flourished since its inception. We have a new treasurer, Leigh Aspinall, who is replacing Ceri Lloyd.

Also recently the club has broken the record for numbers attending the club, the figure exceeding 50 members

and the club continues to go from strength to strength.

Asda superstores have supported the club with the token collection from their customers.

The club also recently held their first halliwick workshop at Barry Leisure Centre. There was a great turn out and Fran, Nicholas and Emily from Rhondda Polar Bears Swimming Club travelled to Barry for the workshop.

If you want to find out more about Barry Beavers Disabled Swimming Club, you can contact GVS either at Barry Library or at the Enterprise Centre at Skomer Road, or by contacting Pat Finch on 07517121729. The club runs on Saturdays, 5-6pm.

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Barry chess club kept busy

OVER the past seven days the Barry Chess Club has played two league matches and the second round of the Barry Club Championships. Fortunately these matches were all scheduled before the bad weather hit.

In the Club Championships were only able to play three matches due to mainly to ill health of quite a few players.

The three matches we did play were all won by the higher-ranked players - Peter Watkins had a quick win, Scott Turner managed to turn a likely defeat into a win and a longer struggle for John Stephenson.

This means that after two rounds of play there not been any draws yet. Dave Parsons and Marc Cooke lead the table with two points, Sam Jukes and John Stephenson are only a half point behind.

At this early stage the stronger players in the Open section hold all the top places with the players in the Plate just behind.

In the league the Bosons were at home against the North Cardiff Cheetahs. Steve Cunliffe, Sam Jukes and Dave Parsons all managed draws.

The Cheetahs were a man short so we had a default win on board 5. This ensured the spoils were shared.

Not a great result but hopefully a turning point for the Bosons who have lost all their other matches since the turn of the year.

The Bosons have four games still to play and currently stand in mid-table. However our next three games are against teams above us in the table so our fate may not be decided until the final round of games when we play the Cardiff Pawns.

Below us the Bridgend A side recorded their fourth consecutive win and appear to be pulling away from trouble.

In Division 2 the Quarks travelled to Cardiff to play the Crowns. The Crowns were in eighth place, just above us in the table.

They put out a stronger team with four of their players outranking us quite substantially. Our only hope lay on board 5.

However a quick defeat on the bottom board didn't auger well for the night but our blunders were spared with Tom Cooke earning an important draw on board 1.

The Quarks remain firmly rooted to the foot of the table some six points behind the Penarth Pirates. The Penarth and Cardiff teams are fighting with the Barry Camelots to avoid relegation. Again it may all come down to the final match when the Crowns play the Camelots.

The Barry Chess Club meets at 7.30pm each Monday at the West End Club, St. Nicholas Road, Barry CF62 6QY.

The club is open to players of all standards; whether you are interested in playing competitive chess or just the occasional friendly games.

New players are very welcome to just turn up on the night but if you contact one of the club members through the website we can explain what is happening on the night you have in mind, and arrange for someone to greet you on your arrival.

For more details visit our website at <http://barrychessclub.yolasite.com>. PHIL JONES

Barry and District League tables and results

THE latest results for the Barry and District Leagues are as follows:

CRIB DIVISION 1: West End 6, Wyndham Cons 9; Moors Boys 8, Liberals 7; Rhose Social 6, Cadoxton Cons 9.

League Table: Liberals 144, Cadoxton Cons 132, Wyndham Cons 131, West End Runaways 128, Rhose Social 126, Moors Boys 123, West End 116.

SKITTLES DIVISION 1: Slammers 2, Rhose Social C 5; Sea View B 6, West End C 1; Allsorts 2, West End D 5; Rhose Social A 5, King William XII 2.

League Table: West End D 93.0, Sea View B 89.0, West End C 80.0, Rugby Club 76.5, Rhose Social C 72.5, Rhose Social 68.0, King William XII 66.0, Rhose Social A 66.0, Slammers 63.0, Allsorts 53.5, Rhose Social B 53.0, Liberals A 51.0, Barry Town FC 50.5, Liberals C 48.5, Cambrian Flyers 38.5, *Barries Boys 32.0.

SNOOKER DIVISION 1: Cadoxton Cons Z 4, Services Social B 1; Wyndham Cons A 4, Savoy B 1; Savoy A 4, Cadoxton Cons B 1; Liberators 3, Rhose Social B 2.

League Table: Harbour B 87, Savoy A 75, Cadoxton Cons B 54, Wyndham Cons A 54, Cadoxton Cons Z 53, West End C 44, Liberators 40, Penarth Cons A 35, Services Social B 32, *Savoy B 30m Rhose Social B 29.

SNOOKER DIVISION 2: Harbour A 3, West End A 2; Wyndham Cons D 3, Market Street C 2; Cadoxton Cons A 3, Rhose Social C 2; West End B 3, Sully Sports A 2.

League Table: Cadoxton Misfits 64, Rhose Social C 56, Market Street B 52, Penarth Cons B 52, Cadoxton Cons A 50, Harbour A 50, Market Street C 47, Wyndham Cons D 46, West End A 43, West End B 41, Sully Sports A 39.

* = Points deducted. All league and cup fixtures and results at www.barryleagues.co.uk; search for 'barry leagues' on Facebook.

Barrivale Bridge Club news

THE latest results for the Barrivale Bridge Club for February 27 are as follows:

The top three places were: first, Mark Roderick and Jenny Vaughan, 65.10 per cent; second, Carol Cochlin and Philip Bottrill, 54.69 per cent; joint third, Irene Thomas and Denis Mottram, 54.17 per cent; Dave Thomas and Ken Hannah, 54.17 per cent.

The handicap winners were Dave Thomas and Ken Hannah. On February 13, the Barrivale Mixed Pairs handicap winners were Debbie Dawkins and Dave Thomas (pictured).

New members are welcome at the club and a partner may be arranged, if required. Call 01446 418380, 01446 733425 or 01446 735592 for further information.

The current class for beginners continues to run on Friday mornings - new members wishing to start can join the next beginner's class commencing in September 2018.



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Bridgend Bridge Club round-up

THE latest results for Bridgend Bridge Club are as follows:

On Wednesday, February 28: First, John Evans and Bill Turner; second, Simon Richards and Tony Disley; third, Rob Forman and Alan Heath. The winners on handicap were John Evans and Bill Turner.

There was not any play on Thursday and Friday this week due to the severe winter weather.

Regular club nights take place on Wednesday and Friday evenings at Nolton Church Hall. Play is scheduled to start at 7pm, to enable a prompt start, it helps if players arrive at least 10 minutes early.

On Thursday afternoons at 2pm, again at Nolton Church Hall, there is a gentle bridge session when help is available with the bidding. All sessions are played in a friendly manner, visitors and new members are always welcome. Lessons for beginners are being run by Steve Burgoyne - please contact Steve for further details on his number below.

On Thursdays there is a session run by Steve starting at 1pm on slightly advanced topics - this week the topic is bidding with a strong hand after a 1NT opening.

For further information about the lessons and any other of the club activities please contact Steve Burgoyne on 01656 661968 or David Newman on 01656 649138. GJ

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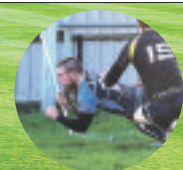
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Ultradistance race comes to Jenner Park

SUNDAY, March 11, sees the return of ultradistance running to Jenner Park.

Racing over such arduous distances pre-dates the modern Olympic Games and was very popular in the mid and late 19th century. In Wales too, many such races were held in Maindy Stadium, Cardiff, and the first sub-four hour 40 miles was achieved there in 1967.

The local equivalent at Barry was first held on the cinder track in 1986 and was won by local athlete Mick McGeeoch, who remains the race director today.

After converting the track to a synthetic surface the following year, the Barry 40 has been held every year, and has earned its place as a cult event on the global ultra calendar.

In the previous 31 editions no less than 61 world best performances have been set, and three Barry winners have gone on to win global titles – Carolyn Hunter-Rowe (1993), Simon Pride (1999) and Lizzy Hawker (2006).

Last year an additional marathon event was added to the itinerary to give athletes a choice. The two races start simultaneously at 10am.

The stand-out entry for this year is Steve Way of Bournemouth AC. Two years ago Steve made 3:54:52 appear effortlessly easy, and celebrated by

taking his three dogs for a run on Barry Island beach before the race presentation.

Last year Steve used the race as a springboard to the Comrades double marathon in South Africa, an event where he finished a brilliant ninth and was the first non-African to finish.

A fascinating late entry for the marathon is that of Geoff Oliver. He is 84!

He has completed the 40 miles here on nine previous occasions, set multiple world bests en route, and his sole concession to age is the fact that he has found someone to drive him to the race from his home in Leicestershire.

Of local interest is the entry of Lisa Cleary – a Barry girl, she joined the local club age 11 and Jenner Park is like her second home. This will be her 29th marathon, but first time on the track.

The great thing about ultradistance is that every athlete has a tale to tell – a special reason for competing, if you like.

Nine athletes are scheduled to start the 40 miles, and eight the marathon. They come from every corner of the UK, plus France and the United States, such is the universal appeal of this race.

As ever, the race will start at 10am and admission is free.

MICK MCGEOCH

Llantwit Major and District Darts League

THE Llantwit Major and District Darts League season completed its 21st week with the highlights being:

Luke Richards 21 dart leg, Sarah Pitman 22 dart leg, Simon Nettleship 93 out.

In the Monday night 'C' League top of the table clash, table-toppers Lamb & Flag 'C2' beat second placed Rugby Club 'C1' 6-5, third-placed Shoes St Athan 'C2' consolidated their position with a 7-4 win over the Tudor Tavern 'C2'.

In the Tuesday night 'A' League the Kings Head 'A1' extended their lead at the top of the table with a 10-1 win, the Wenvoe Arms, Shoes Athan and Fox & Hounds all won to consolidate their positions in second, third and fourth place.

The LMDDL recently held its Ladies and gents singles nights with some excellent darts thrown on both nights.

Highlights were Simon Greenfield 117 out, Kenny Thomas 180, Allan Morgan 180 and 16 dart leg, Dai Randall 16 dart leg (x3) and 17 dart leg, Dave Wood 18 dart leg.

Thanks very much to Jean Griffiths and Sheryn Islip for running the nights; a superb effort by them as usual and much appreciated by all.

Thanks to everybody that chalked and checked and to Ben Rees, Steve Randall, Andrew Adamson, Luke Richards, Steve Dixon, Christina Woods and Rob Oakley, who helped the committee dismantle the darts stands and take them back upstairs and cleared the tables and chairs away.

Ladies singles semi-finals on March 8: Mo Phillips (Rugby Club 'A2') v Julie Cheal (Shoes St Athan 'C1') and Gaynor Dale (SSA 'C1') v Beth Gatheridge (SSA 'C2').

Gents singles semi-finals on March 15: Ben Rees (Kings Head 'A1') v Luke Richards (Wenvoe Arms 'A') and Dai Randall (KH 'A1') v Ray Procco (KH 'A1').

C' League table:
Lamb & Flag 'C2' 147, Rugby Club 140, Shoes St Athan 'C2' 139, Lamb & Flag 'C1' 137, Shoes St Athan 'C1' 133, Kings Head 'C2' 121, Boverton Castle 113, Tudor Tavern 'C2' 100, Kings Head 'C1' 78,

Tudor Tavern 'C1' 47.

'A' League table:
Kings Head 'A1' 187, Wenvoe Arms 168, Shoes St Athan 136, Fox & Hounds 135, Rugby Club 'A2' 125, Golden Cups 119, Lamb & Flag 112, Rugby Club 'A1' 111, Kings Head 'A2' 108, Shoes Peterston 106, Four Bells 104, Tudor Tavern 73, Blacksmith Arms 61, Rugby Club 'A3' 61.

DMC

Robert puts up good fight at UK Open

BRIDGEND'S Robert Owen was blitzed 11-3 in the semi-finals of the Coral UK Open at Minehead.

The 33-year-old from the Ogmore Valley was delighted to reach the last four of a major tournament for the first time, but then failed to hit his best form against Corey Cadby.

The highly-rated young Australian, a former world youth champion who turned professional only in January, had knocked out another Welshman, Gerwyn Price, in the previous round, and took command against Owen from the start.

He led 9-0 at one stage and a whitewash looked possible, only for the Welshman to win three of the last five legs to give the scoreline some respectability.

Cadby went on to lose 11-7 to Scotland's Gary Anderson in the final. This was Owen's most successful

tournament since turning professional in 2014, surpassing his effort in reaching the quarter-finals of the Dutch Open last September and earning him his biggest cheque – for £17,500. In reaching the semi-finals of only his second televised tournament, he beat Michael Burgoine 6-4, Jamie Lewis 10-2, Nathan Rafferty 10-9, Ian White 10-7 and former world champion John Part 10-3.

The tournament was played in front of a restricted crowd because of safety fears brought on by the bad weather. Owen, known on the circuit as Stack Attack, will be disappointed not to have made more of an impression in front of the TV cameras against Cadby, but also pleased to have reached the last four of a major tournament for the first time.

He will be hoping his performance will help kickstart a rise up the world rankings.

MICHAEL PROSSER

New kit for Cogan Coronation



Cogan Coronation under-14s sporting their new training tops.

E V A N S ENTWISTLE, one of Penarth's longest established accountancy and taxation advisory practices, has continued its sponsorship of Cogan Coronation AFC's under-14 team for the fifth year running.

Evans Entwistle Partner Damian Evans said: "We are very much a community based practice and we are delighted to sponsor this local club which genuinely supports grass roots football in the Vale.

"We've supported the club with kit sponsorship for five years now and the level of professionalism and degree of effort which goes into the children's football coaching – from the chairman to the coaches and assistants – is immense.

"What is even more impressive is that their time is given on a wholly voluntary basis. Aside from weekly coaching sessions and matches, the club also takes an active

role in hosting summer football festivals, as well as trips to key matches so the kids can see professionals in action. This year, we're all heading to Barcelona to watch a game at the Camp Nou.

"My eldest son has played for Cogan for eight years and has made huge progress in his footballing skills during that time, which is one of the many reasons why we as a practice are so keen to help promote the continued success of the club."

Partner Lisa Entwistle added: "We have committed to Cogan Coronation for the past five years and we love spotting all the matchday shirts, hoodies and winter kits we have sponsored over the years out and about in the Vale. We're proud to be part of this heart-warming community and we're always pitch side come rain or shine supporting the lads."

Cogan Coronation under-14s Blues take on Island Marine in the Cup semi-finals and the whole of the Evans Entwistle practice will be cheering them on!

Athletic gear up for derby encounter

BRIDGEND ATHLETIC RFC are again grateful to Richard Dyke for agreeing to sponsor this Saturday's (March 10) derby at the Morganstone Brewery Field between Bridgend Athletic and Kenfig Hill.

Following a 26-18 defeat to league leaders on November 4, the Athletic visited Kenfig Hill who were second in the league. A seven-try, 39-0 whitewash started the Athletic's current eight-match Division 1 West winning sequence.

The club were disappointed that the away game last weekend at Maesteg Quins was snowed off.

Richard founded his company, R & M Dyke, in 1976.

The Dyke's are a very sporting family. Richard played full back or centre for Porthcawl, Bridgend Sports, Bridgend and Maesteg.

His son Richard Dean, an outside half or full back, played for the Athletic youth and made 136 senior Athletic appearances, crossing for 62 tries and scoring 351 points.

He then moved on to Pontypool,

Tondu and Bridgend. He captained the Athletic, Tondu and Bridgend.

His daughters Chloe and Bethan have represented Wales at Netball. Bethan has been selected for Wales at the Commonwealth Games in Queensland, and has a ball named after her on sale in Welsh sports shops.

Another son, Christopher, played prop and hooker for Bryncethin and Tondu and was capped at Wales youth twice against England.

His youngest son Daryl, an outstanding competitive flanker, played for Athletic youth, Tondu and the Athletic first team, winning player of the year and most promising player of the year. He was presented with the awards in June 2005, before his tragic passing in December that year.

The Daryl Dyke Memorial Trophy, donated by Richard, is presented at Athletic player of the year nights to a person who has made outstanding commitment to the Athletic during the season.

Richard's daughter's son, Lloyd Wilson, won player of the year awards in both the seasons he captained the Athletic youth, and now he captains Bridgend Sports.

AB

Dinas Powys Golf Club ladies section results

THE ladies have been able to play many games despite the inclement weather and here are the results:

On January 9, a nine hole Medal was held: 1st Samantha Saunders 47 – 14 = 33; 2nd Annie Blackburn 48 – 10.5 = 37.5; 3rd Sian Smith 49 – 10 = 39.

On January 16, a nine hole Stableford: 1st Samantha Saunders 18 pts; 2nd Sue Bridle 16 pts; 3rd Sian Smith 15 pts.

On January 30, a nine hole Texas Scramble: 1st Angela Brown, Audrey Harwood & Ruth Yates 39 gross – 12 = 27 nett; 2nd Lisa Ryley, Sian Smith & Samantha Saunders 38 –

10.5 = 27.5; 3rd Sally Livsey-Davies & Rhian Thomas 47 – 18 = 29.

On February 6, a nine hole Waltz: 1st Lisa Ryley, Sian Smith & Samantha Saunders 42 pts; 2nd Annie Blackburn, Audrey Harwood & Ruth Yates 32 pts; 3rd Ann Mahenthiralingam, Maxine Hird & Sally Livsey-Davies 29 pts.

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On February 20, a nine hole medal White Elephant: 1st Chris Nelms 52 – 18 = 34 nett, 2nd Samantha Saunders 51 – 14 = 36; 3rd Angela Brown 49 – 12 = 37.

On February 27, a nine hole Stableford: 1st Samantha Saunders 20pts; 2nd Sue Bridle 18 pts, 3rd Lisa Ryley 16 pts.

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